



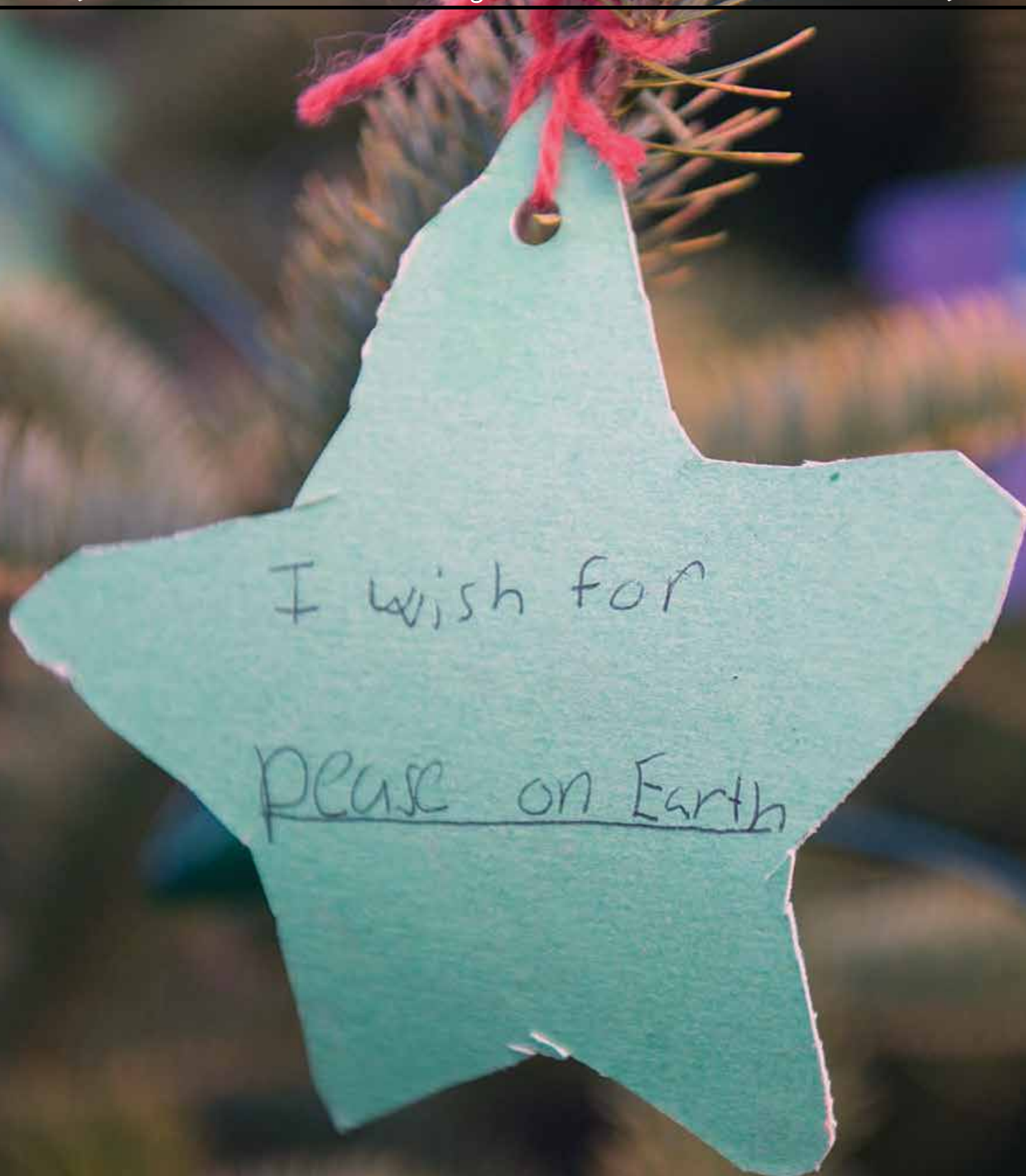
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Santa Greet 200 Children in Mattapoisett

By Marilou Newell

Whether it was the splendid weather or the opportunity to sit on Santa's lap, over 200 children and their families and friends enjoyed the holiday event at Mattapoisett's Shipyard Park on December 12. Estimates put those participating in this event – kids and parents, kids and grand parents, kids with loving adults – around the 300 mark. It was a truly holly, jolly event by anyone's measure.

There was the huge tent so full of wonderful smells from food provided by local eateries that one's mouth watered upon entry. There were the crafts for little folks making ornaments, face painting, and did I mention the food!

The Mattapoisett Lions Club was collecting non-perishable foods and new toys for local charities, and yes, yes, yes, there was Santa who arrived via the Mattapoisett Fire Department's ladder truck.

The incredibly mild weather certainly had an effect on the number of people pouring into Mattapoisett's Shipyard Park to meet Santa and enjoy Christmas music and really great eats. But make no mistake about it, there was also a desire on the part of the adults in the crowd to enjoy a bit of community holiday joy.

And then there were the children.

Many Center School students clambered 'round the tree to look for their own handmade Christmas wish ornaments. Other children had their wish list memorized as they advanced in the long line to sit on Santa's lap.

Jacob Collier, 7, looked forward to asking Santa for Legos and Star Wars PJs, while Jacqueline Colber and her brother, Tristan, wanted a Rudolph stuffed toy and Avenger toys, respectively.

Ava Duponte, 5, was asking for a robot and a pink baby doll.

Mia Figueiredo, 8, and her sister Ava, 6, looked forward to asking Santa for a My Little Pony and a stuffed elephant.

An impressive number of children were not focused on any gift at all and were quite simply enjoying

On the Cover: Center School students every year decorate handmade ornaments for the Mattapoisett holiday tree lighting at Christmas in the Park, which took place on Saturday, December 13. This student's Christmas wish this year was for "peace on Earth." Photo by Colin Veitch

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the excitement of being with family and friends at this community event.

And how did this celebration at Shipyard Park all begin?

Well, one of Santa's more senior Elves told us that ... Once upon a time, about 30 years ago, this celebration was held on the steps of Romeo's Package Store across the street from the Mattapoisett Inn. The Elves passed out hot cider and cocoa along with good cheer. Today, it has blossomed into a fully-integrated community event bringing local food vendors, the Lions Club, and municipal departments together to share holiday joy with its community and to collect items for those in need.

Musical entertainment was provided by The Showstoppers and the Old Rochester Regional Junior High School band throughout the afternoon, much to the pleasure of all in attendance.

And then there was the massive, red, Adirondack chair.

Resident Dan White donated the use of a larger-than-life sized Adirondack chair for this celebration. Standing 12-feet tall and about 10-feet wide, the chair had



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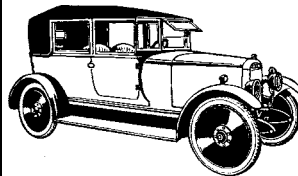
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been part of his daughter Danielle's bridal shower – a themed event in which the chair played a critical role. White, along with his friend, Mike Cambra of Rochester, built the chair for that bridal activity.

"When Mike sold his house, the chair came to me," said White, "so I decided it would be fun to have it at this event." The chair was enjoyed by young and old alike as they clambered into it for picture taking.

What about Santa? Well, Santa and Mrs. Claus were non-stop busy inviting more than 200 children to share their deepest desire with the man with the white beard.

From Phoebe Cowles, 5, they heard her desire for a stuffed cat, and Ellie Coroles, 4, wants a toy kitchen with pretend food.

And what does Santa want for Christmas?

When I asked the jolly old soul what he wanted most for Christmas, he didn't hesitate.

"I really, really like candy corn," said Santa.

But Santa, that's a Halloween candy.

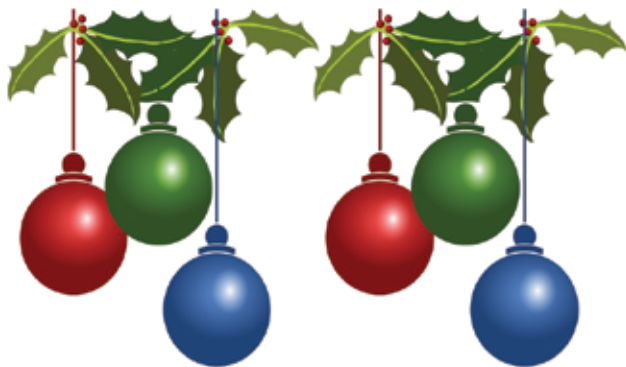
He responded that he knew that, but it was his favorite.

So ... when you put the cookies and milk out for Santa on Christmas Eve, if you've got any leftover candy corn, the man in red would appreciate the gift.

Marion Tot Taps in Solo Performance

By Marilou Newell

Standing a mere 3 feet and maybe a few inches, vibrating with youthful exuberance only a 4-year old



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could possess, Gia Coffey demonstrated her fancy footwork – Irish step dancing to be exact. And let me tell you, this tiny dancer has got it!

Gia, who lives in Marion with her family, has only been studying Irish step dancing since August, but she has been exposed to this very technical dance form her entire life. Her sister Grace, 12, has been studying the art form since she was 4. The sisters are students at the prestigious Harney Academy of Dance located in Walpole.

"Gia picked up Irish dancing from her sister," mom Liz Calore explained. Calore said that Gia was familiar with the music and many of the movements before she began formal instructions.

One of Gia's pre-school teachers also brought Irish step dancing to life. She demonstrated the dance form to Gia's class and organized a local performance. Calore said, "Gia has been waiting for her turn to perform."

And what a turn she got! Gia is a soloist in Brian O'Donovan's holiday spectacular *A Celtic Sojourn* on December 17 at the Zeiterion Theater in New Bedford.

Calore said that O'Donovan's productions select

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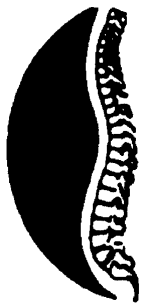
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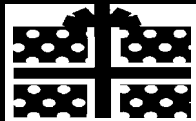
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local dancers from schools of dance who specialize in Irish-style dancing. Harney Academy was one of the schools O'Donovan's production crew visited. Gia is one of a handful of students selected for several productions in the local area. Not only will Gia dance in the New Bedford performance, she will also be featured in several of the Boston shows as well.

For her part, although she is "excited," she is taking it all in stride.

I asked her what her favorite part of dance class was and she quickly responded, "The games." After each instructional session draws to a close, the students then participate in games – a bit of sweetness after an hour of disciplined training.

Irish step dancing is a very physical dance form, Calore said, that requires not only a body that can perform but a mind that can be focused.

Gia showed off a few of her dance moves such as a "swing round." She said the dances are called "light jig," "slip jig," and "reel," which she practices twice a week for an hour at the academy and then at home demonstrates the moves to her animal friends that include two large dogs, a rabbit, and a cat.

"I'm kind of nervous ... I messed up a little," Gia replied when asked how she felt about performing on stage. Yet, Calore said, Gia is a confident dancer and has a stage presence that the O'Donovan crew spotted.

"It's hard work, yet joyful and a most athletic form of dance," Calore said. "There's a social component because you can dance in a team or as an individual."

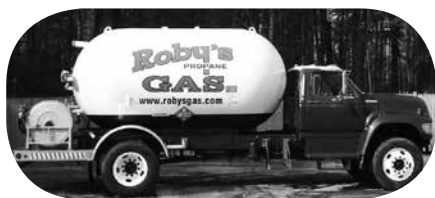
As the mother of two fine dancers, Calore has hopes for her girls that, if they continue in this sport, "They'll have the opportunity to travel and it's a healthy activity. It's a good match for both girls," she said.

Irish step dancers may also compete, Calore said. What does Gia hope to win when she participates in competitions? Why, a rainbow-colored dress of course!

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Annex Talk Turns to New Town Hall Talk

Rochester Board of Selectmen

By Jean Perry

It's still only in the napkin drawing stage of development, said Rochester Town Administrator Michael McCue to the Board of Selectmen on December 14, but a plan to explore the construction of a new town-owned annex building has now shifted towards a new town hall exploration among members of a town annex

study committee.

During a meeting of the annex committee last week, McCue said they talked about potential floor plans and associated costs such as elevators and maintenance, and what makes sense most to them now is a new, bigger town hall to unite all town departments under one roof for efficiency.

Selectman Naida Parker seemed rather skeptical of the notion, recalling how Town Meeting voters in the past did not warm up to the idea of a more costly town hall.

"I'd be really interested to see how it moves forward," said Parker. She said residents were attached to the town hall because of its historic nature. "They're not enthusiastic about having a town hall somewhere else."

Although he loathed the analogy, McCue told selectmen nobody was about to put the cart before the horse. This was only an early discussion, he emphasized.

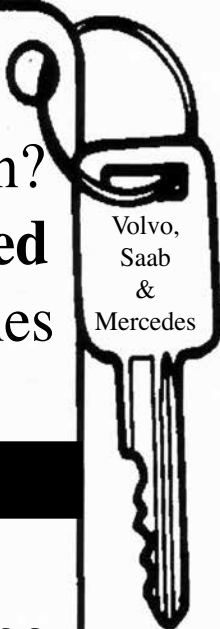
"This is the time to do it," suggested Selectmen Chairman Richard Nunes. "Interest rates will be going up.... And this building isn't getting any younger."

Nunes said it is no secret that the town is anxious to cease paying for rented buildings used for municipal purposes.

Parker said, though, that if she knew a town hall was to be explored by the committee, she might have looked more closely at the overall composition of the committee during the appointment process.

"You need to get more involvement from staff ... as to what works and what doesn't," she said.

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"Those conversations have been taking place," said McCue. "We are not doing this (planning) in a vacuum."

Parker maintained that only a town annex feasibility discussion was planned for the committee, and she was unaware the scope would be broadened.

"I don't want the Board of Selectmen to think this is a done deal," McCue said. "But other conversations about other alternatives have been shut off."

You would need a backup plan, though, Parker told him. With large projects come Proposition 2½ overrides and if voters were to reject a town hall plan, "We're going to be putting ourselves back at square one."

"In this town, it's only going to keep growing," said McCue. "We need to make sure that whatever we move



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forward with has that in mind."

Nunes and Parker wanted to look at a couple of additional plans to present to voters, including building onto the old town hall.

"But once you touch that, then everything has to be up to code and everything in this building is not up to code," said Nunes, following that with an 'oops.' "I didn't just say that, did I?" Yes, you did, Parker said.

The next meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen is scheduled for **December 21** at 6:30 pm at the Rochester Town Hall.

Town Administrator to Remain in Rochester

By Jean Perry

Rochester Town Administrator Michael McCue did not get chosen by the Fairhaven Board of Selectmen on December 14 to fill the position of that town's first town administrator, so he will remain in Rochester.

McCue was one of three final candidates selected by a town administrator screening committee, and he interviewed for the position back on December 5. Also vying for the position were Mark Rees, former city manager for the City of Portland, Maine, and Gregory Enos, current Whitman Town Administrator Assistant. Rees was chosen for the Fairhaven position in a unanimous vote on December 14, and the board stated that contract negotiations with Rees would commence that afternoon.

Fairhaven selectmen said that even though all three

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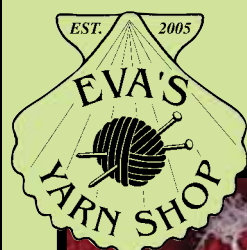


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candidates were well suited for the position, Rees was the one candidate who "shined through," as Selectman Charles Murphy put it.

"We had three very qualified candidates apply," said Murphy, "...I think each candidate had great qualities to be a town administrator."

Murphy specified that McCue's background in economic development made him a strong contender for the position. But Chairman Geoff Haworth pointed out that Rees' proven leadership during critical times such as the one in which Fairhaven finds itself made him the most qualified.

"A very positive that has come from this has been the number of people that expressed support for me and hope that somehow I could remain in Rochester," said McCue. McCue said he sees himself staying put in Rochester for some time, and his contract is still valid until 2017.

Hillside Must Clean Up Or Be Shut Down

Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen

By Marilou Newell

The December 15 meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen featured a two-hour hearing to determine whether or not the license for the Hillside Motel should be revoked.

Owner Sonya Patel came before the board to discuss improvements and changes she was instructed by various town departments to make, but after hearing from

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Building Inspector Andy Bobola said, "One room, the sub-floor is rotten and you can see into the basement..." He also noted rotten stair rails, missing electrical cover plates, overloaded electrical circuits, bathroom floors rotten, and missing room numbers. But clearly it was the living conditions that troubled him the most.

"One room there are four adults living ... very difficult to walk into," he said. Bobola also noted clothing stacked on floors and against gas heaters causing him to say, "What should be common sense to most of us was evident."

Mattapoisett Fire Chief Andrew Murray said that during his quarterly inspection, he always found fire and carbon monoxide detectors missing and fire extinguishers absent or expired.

The Board of Health conscripted expert assistance in evaluating the conditions at the motel by bringing in Wareham's Health Agent Robert Ethier. He explained that, although the Hillside met the "minimal standards

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of fitness for human habitation," four people in one room was a violation of the sanitary code and "deplorable," saying, "They can't stay there."

For her part, Patel pleaded that she couldn't tell who was a good person or a bad person and wanted to rely on the assistance of the police department to tell her. More than once she was told by each member of the board and by Town Administrator Michael Gagne that she was responsible for managing her business properly; it was not the responsibility of the town's departments.

"It comes down to management," Selectman Jordon Collyer said with exasperation after nearly two hours of discussions. He expressed the public outcry that her motel was viewed as "a problem for the town."

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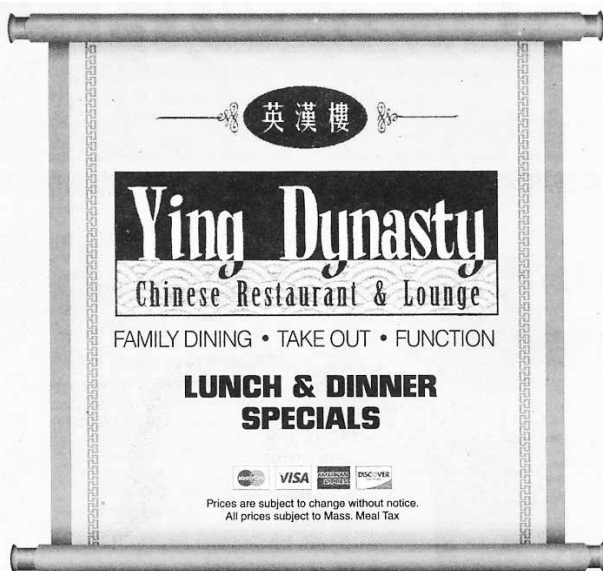
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With Selectman Paul Silva voting 'nay' to allow Patel another chance to clean up her business, the board moved for a continuation until January 12. If at any time between now and then the police are called to the business, the board reserved the right to revoke her license.

"I hope you prove me wrong," Silva told Patel. "I don't have much tolerance to keep this site open."

Earlier in the evening, the board met with Marilyn Mazer who gifted the town with prints from watercolor paintings her husband Michael Mazer has done to memorialize the Bouchard Spill in Mattapoisett. The prints will hang in the harbormaster's office.

A certificate of appreciation was award to Chris Parker for saving a capsized boater in Mattapoisett harbor in November.

Bonne DeSousa discussed the upcoming Regional Cycling Event planned for May 22, an event that will be in partnership with the Mattapoisett Land Trust.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen is scheduled for **January 12** at 7:00 pm in the town hall conference room.

Bike Path Gets Thumbs Up But...

Mattapoisett Conservation Commission

By Marilou Newell

The Town of Mattapoisett applied for a Request for Determination of Applicability for test borings along the proposed bike path through Goodspeed Island during the

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December 14 meeting of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission. The soil borings are one more twist in a long list of additional technical data the Massachusetts Department of Transportation has requested from the bike path committee.

Steve Kelleher, chairman of the bike path committee, told the commission that the DOT changed their requirements for pedestrian bridges, now requiring that they meet much stricter design criteria – criteria that would allow trucks to travel across them.

Study data produced thus far was insufficient to prove or disprove the existence of bedrock below the railroad easement along the barrier beach where part of a pedestrian bridge spans from the YMCA to Goodspeed



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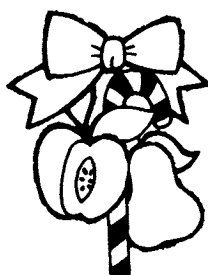


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Representing the town, Susan Nilson of CLE Engineering explained the process that would be used to access the sensitive wetlands area and perform core samplings. She also said they planned to locate the west side of the sewer main that runs through the area.

Nilson spoke for about ten minutes giving such comprehensive details as the pounds per square inch from the mobile equipment needed to do the borings.

When Chairman Bob Rogers opened the hearing to the public, Attorney John Gushue, representing Goodspeed Island residents Daniel DaRosa and Anthony Campbell, came forward.

Gushue presented Rogers with a multi-page document listing concerns and citing language from various government agencies pointing to why the town needed to file a Notice of Intent versus a RDA.

"The bottom line is we are asking the commission to find a positive determination... 'this needs a NOI,'" Gushue told the commission. "It's all a resource area; there is very little buffer zone," he pointed out.

Gushue said Nilson's presentation had "informational deficiencies" and that there were no details about how the work would be performed. He said the entire area in question was a resource area, therefore demanding greater investigation before data should be collected.

Nilson responded to Gushue's questions and comments and noted that for future work a NOI would be

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filed, but that the scope of work that would be performed for the test borings was not significant enough to warrant a NOI.

Rogers said, "With a potential of an appeal of our decision, we should be very clear."

Kelleher addressed the commissioners and the audience saying, "We've had every federal and state department on this project for the last three years. Everybody is in favor of this project going through." He continued, "This is one of the most favorable projects on SRPEDD list for the next 15 years. It is very vital that we move forward in an expeditious manner."

"We do what we think is right and if it's appealed, well, it's appealed," Rogers stated.

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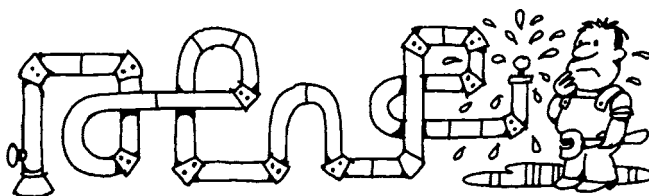
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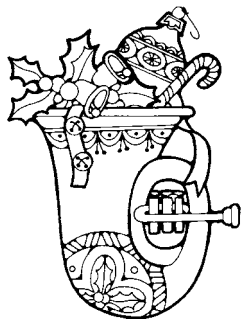
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The commission discussed the matter and ultimately felt that a Negative 3 ruling for the RDA was in order, while acknowledging that their decision will be appealed.

In other business, RDAs filed and receiving negative rulings were: Lisa Caudle, 17 Centre Drive, for an addition; Isabel Morton, 7 Bethany Lane, for a pool shed; Gary Wynn, 12 Shore Drive, for construction of a second story and new roof; and William Hewitt, 8 Brierpatch Lane, for various additions and improvements to a single family home.

Whitman Homes received an Order of Conditions for construction of a new home located on Split Rock Lane.

A Certificate of Completion was issued to property located at 40 Water Street for beach nourishment.

Rounding out a long agenda, the commissioners had an informal discussion with Todd Rodrigues, owner of Yard Boss, regarding his application for a RDA for water withdrawal at the Mattapoisett River spillway.

Due to insufficient public notification, his request could not be heard. However, Rogers offered to answer any questions Rodrigues might have for a future filing.

Rodrigues advised the commissioners that the property located on River Road where he had been pumping water into his irrigation truck tanks was owned by Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester, not Fairhaven. Rogers said that the towns would have to be notified of any future public hearings. Rogers suggested to Rodrigues that he withdraw his application and reapply at a later date. Rodrigues agreed.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission is scheduled for **December 28** at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall conference room.

Over 55 Multi-Family Problematic For Owner

Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals

By Marilou Newell

When Kerri Sousa inherited her father's portion of the property located at 7 Marion Road, she also inherited zoning restrictions – restrictions that Sousa's father requested. Now she's finding that those restrictions are making it nearly impossible to get financing for the



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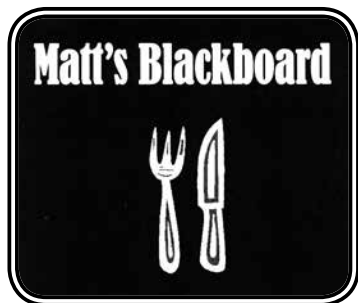
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Sousa came before the Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals on December 10 to request a variance, a lifting of the only 55 and over restriction for inhabitants of the property.

"My father's vision was that this property be for people 55 and over," Sousa told the board members, adding, "Now no one is going to carry forth that vision.... But it's difficult to get financing," she said.

The mortgage was due in full in October, she explained. Yet due to the restriction, and in spite of the mortgage only being \$230,000, lending institutes view the property as a higher risk, offering Sousa only high-interest financing.

"I need to get a lower rate than 7.5 percent," she said.

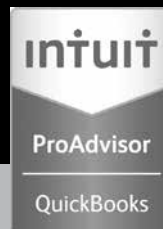
The property is a historic building in the heart of Rochester. Chairman Richard Cutler suggested that possibly Sousa's father, Tom Skrutski, although well-intentioned, might have asked for the restriction because Rochester's willingness to allow a multi-family dwelling was questionable.

"I'm not saying that is why he asked for 55 and older, but it's a possibility," said Cutler.

The property currently is a four-unit upscale apartment building with a septic system designed and permitted for eight bedrooms. Sousa occupies one of the units, as does Skrutski's former business partner, leaving two units open as rentals.

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"You've inherited a self-inflicted hardship," Cutler told Sousa.

The board members felt the application was difficult. There was a question as to whether Sousa should have filed a variance, a Special Permit modification, or a new Special Permit. Board member Kirby Gilmore asked Cutler if they needed town counsel assistance. Cutler concurred that to be the case.

Sousa was instructed to meet with Rochester's Town Counsel Blair Bailey for assistance, and that the board would also discuss the matter with him. Sousa's hearing was continued until January 14.

The next meeting of the Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals is scheduled for **January 14** at 7:00 pm in the Rochester Town Hall meeting room.

Tabor Withdraws Appeal Over Backstop

Marion Zoning Board of Appeals

By Jean Perry

After a years-long legal battle between the Town of Marion and Tabor Academy over an unpermitted backstop, Tabor Head of School John Quirk told the Marion Zoning Board of Appeals on December 10 that instead of continuing on the same path to try to keep the backstop, he was withdrawing the school's appeal to start fresh with a new request for a variance.

The meeting agenda listed Tabor Academy as seeking relief from the building commissioner's prior denial of a building permit for the backstop. Now, said

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Quirk, instead of seeking relief, he is seeking to withdraw without prejudice.

"We're hoping to reappear in January ... to reapply with this group (ZBA members) ... to express our desire to seek a variance and our arguments as to why we think we have a reasonable chance," said Quirk.

Quirk asked ZBA Chairman Eric Pierce if there would be any objection to the withdrawal. Pierce paused for a moment before giving his reply.

"I don't know what else that means other than this was remanded to us by the courts," said Pierce. "We'll just have to find out. I don't know what the case is..."

Pierce said this case was interesting, and he told Quirk that, in his opinion, seeking a variance after-the-fact means the backstop would have to come out before it gets approved to put back in again.

Quirk said Tabor would be proposing changes to the backstop plan to enhance safety features on it, and also said he would "make a good reasonable case as to how those changes will benefit everyone involved."

Quirk said he appreciated the board's patience just before Pierce said he would entertain a motion to accept the withdrawal without prejudice. ZBA member Michelle Ouellette asked for clarification and a little background information before a vote.

"The court said, you win – the town – but we want you to go back and talk about it some more – try to work it out," Pierce told her. The appeal, he said, was to overturn Building Commissioner Scott Shippey's original



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decision to deny the building permit.

But, said ZBA member Betsy Dunn sternly, "If you don't come back in January, the structure comes down."


Relatively new ZBA member Kate Mahoney also had some questions, and Pierce struggled a bit to summarize the situation relative to its history. Quirk chimed in.

"We are no longer seeking relief from the ... the ... the challenge from Mr. Shippey.... I can assure you that we're not going to seek any advantage from this bit of confusion," said Quirk.

Pierce told Mahoney that Quirk could withdraw so that he could reapply. The board voted to accept the withdrawal, just in case a vote was required.

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"Consider yourself withdrawn," Pierce said.

Also during the meeting, the board denied a request to convert a single-family dwelling into a multi-family house, citing a Town bylaw that discourages multi-family houses in town and restricts them to specific residential zones only – zones in which Chris Shachoy's 444 Front Street home is not located.

"We could suggest a withdrawal," said Pierce, "but there's no option. At least that's the way I read it."

The board did approve a Special Permit for Bill Marvel to add a 16- by 16-foot addition to his 60 South Street home.

The next meeting of the Marion Zoning Board of Appeals is scheduled for **January 14** at 7:30 pm at the Marion Town House.

Wetlands Line Accepted at Solar Farm Site

Rochester Conservation Commission

By Jean Perry

The Rochester Conservation Commission on December 15 approved the wetlands line for 0 New Bedford Road/268 Mattapoisett Road, the site of a proposed solar farm by the junction of the two roads.

The hearing, which was continued from December 1, wrapped up rather swiftly after the commission was satisfied that post peer-review plans were changed to reflect the discovery of a potential vernal pool at the location, as well as the location of a line of wetlands flags that Conservation Agent Laurell Farinon contested were



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accurate. After another site walk, the lines were adjusted.

"So you're happy with the line," Conservation Commission Chairman Rosemary Smith suggested to Farinon.

"Yes, it's a good line," replied Farinon.

Also during the meeting, the board issued an Order of Conditions for development of an existing car path to a proposed new single-family home at an unspecified property off Vaughan Hill Road. The car path runs between wetlands roughly 4 feet away on both sides of the drive.

The commission approved the work, but stipulated that siltation barriers be used on both sides of the car path, which should be partially paved at one section as opposed to gravel to offer more control of the car path surface material during rainfall.

As far as the water quality control, said Farinon, there was minimal, if any, impact.

"It's not an issue," said Farinon. "In this particular case I'd rather see it paved ... with the wetlands so tight here."

The commission ordered an inspection of the silt filtration barriers before starting the work.

In other matters, the commission granted an Order of Conditions for Daniel and Deborah Carr Clark of 272 Mary's Pond Road after continuing the hearing from December 1 in order to consult with town counsel.

The concern was over whether the commission would have to wait to issue the OOC until the Planning Board was first able to approve the subdivision, which splits one lot to create an additional adjacent lot with a proposed single-family home.

"The answer was no," said Farinon. "We do not. And it's perfectly acceptable to render a decision tonight."

There was one noteworthy change to the original plan pertaining to a retention area that was pulled back from the wetlands from a 32-foot distance to 42 feet. Grading was also pulled away from the edge of the wetlands.

"Yeah, I like that," said commission member Kevin Cassidy.

Farinon called the project "pretty straightforward" and the OOC was issued.

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Commission is scheduled for **January 5** at 7:00 pm at the Rochester Town Hall.

ConCom Approves Grassi Bog Repairs

Marion Conservation Commission

By Jean Perry

It was a long time coming, between waiting for the engineer to complete the design and for Marion Conservation Commission approval, but the repairs to the spillway at Grassi Bog off Mill Road will finally move forward.

The commission continued the hearing back on November 18 after a disagreement with Marion Open Spaces Acquisition Committee Chairman John Rockwell over the updated plans and the commission's refusal to look at them in light of some discrepancies between the features of the plan and comments made by the Town's peer review engineer.

On December 9, MOSAC representative Jeff Oakes presented the updated plan to the commission with the requested answers to the commission's questions from November and, although the commission still had a few questions, the consensus was that the commission could go ahead and issue the amended Order of Conditions, placing specific stipulations relative to the location of a turtle habitat not mentioned on the updated plan and to the removal of a concrete structure that was never completed.

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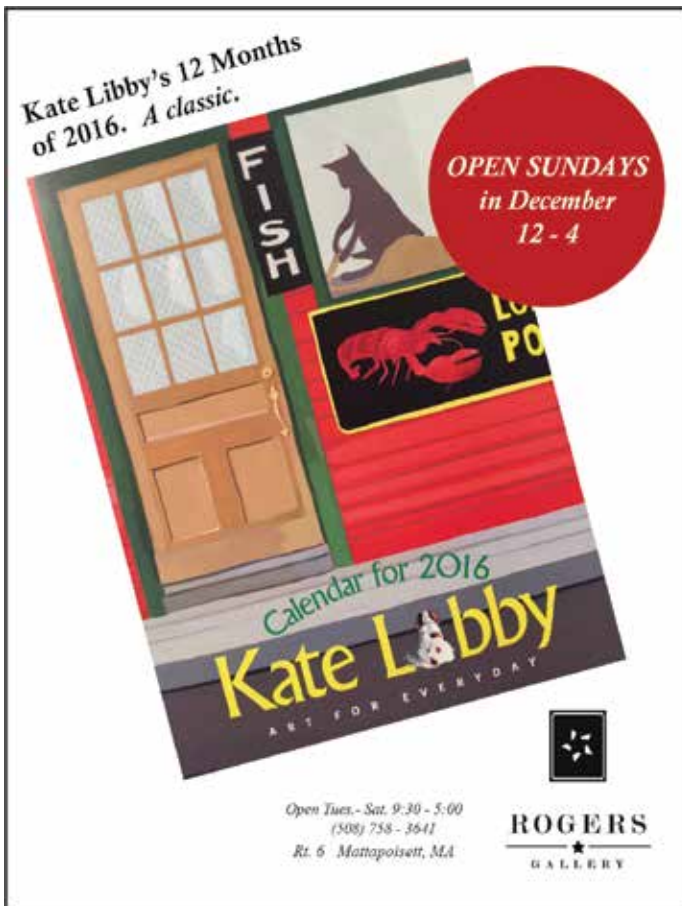
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Chairman Norm Hills determined that the first comment made by CDM Smith, engineer for the Town, was not a correct statement, thus it was now deemed a "non-comment." The plan that did not specify a slope of the site now was noted as well, although the wording was a bit confused and will be changed, as per the OOC.

Hills was concerned about the elevations of the main spillway, the overflow, and the auxiliary spillway, with the auxiliary spillway being shown as a higher elevation.

Hills still preferred all details from the initial plan be included on the new plan, saying, "Normally when we get a new set of plans, they become the plan of record so you don't have to go back to the other plan." He added, "The question about the elevations of the spillways ... it just bothers me ... I wouldn't think that the auxiliary spillway would be higher than the overflow." He suggested it might be reversed.

Commission member Jeffrey Doubrava wondered if the commission could still move the project forward, despite the myriad of unanswered questions.

"We could probably write some of these comments into the order ... or include these comments as part of our amendment and have them specify the size of the rock," said commission member Joel Hartley. "And I think we need tighter inspections."

Hills also wanted a number of fallen trees in the overflow ditch removed.

Commission member Cynthia Trinidad suggested the commission make more frequent inspection visits independently.

The next meeting of the Marion Conservation Commission is scheduled for **January 6** at 7:00 pm at the Marion Town House.

ORR Returns to Level 1 School Status

Old Rochester Regional School Committee

By Jean Perry

The Massachusetts Department of Education Accountability Report is in, and Old Rochester Regional High School is back up to Level 1 status after falling to a Level 2 last year.

Superintendent Doug White did not discuss specific data from the report to the Old Rochester Regional

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School Committee on December 9, but the news was well received.

Principal Michael Devoll said last year was a fluke year, "And we're right back where we belong at a Level 1," Devoll said.

Devoll applauded the teaching staff for pushing hard to make the grade and get the school back up to a Level 1.

"They take a lot of pride in their work," said Devoll. "So I'm thrilled for my school."

The Mass DOE accountability rating aims to gauge a school's progress towards narrowing proficiency gaps. It is scored using a Cumulative Progress and Performance Index (CPI) scaled from one to 100.

ORR High School scored a 77, exceeding a target of 75 in the all-student category. In the high-needs students subgroup, the school scored a 75, meeting the target of 75. ORR's overall performance relative to other schools in the same cohort – school type according to population and demographics – places the school in the 47th percentile of Level 1 high schools.

The results are based cumulatively on four years of data, with the most recent the most significant.

"This year we scored the highest ever," said Devoll.

The junior high school fell just short of its target of 75, earning a 71 CPI. The high-needs students category CPI was 66, which misses the target.

Junior High Principal Kevin Brogioli was able to deliver some good news, however, with grades seven and eight both generally scoring above the state average on the PARCC exam in most areas. This was the first year that students took the online assessment after moving away from the MCAS last school year.

Students received high writing scores in ELA, with 80 to 84 percent of students scoring in the two highest levels: Level 4 and Level 5, meets expectations and exceeds expectations, respectively.

All students and all high-needs students in the subgroup had a 10 percent increase in students scoring in Level 5, with a 10 percent decrease in students scoring in the warning level of Level 1.

In Math, all students and the high-needs subgroup increased Level 5 achievement by 10 percent, with a 10 percent decrease in Level 1.

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Going through the data during a slide presentation, Brogioli said, "I think, overall, these are very healthy Math scores."

"It was a tough year last year," said Brogioli, referring to the low Math MCAS scores of that prior school year. "I think a lot of people did a lot of work ... and it paid off."

The school implemented a number of actions in response to the low scores, including a Math coach that meets with Math teachers a number of times over the course of the year.

"Phenomenal job," said ORR School Committee Chairman Paul Goulet. "A lot of work...."

The next meeting of the Old Rochester Regional School Committee is scheduled for **January 13** at 6:00 pm in the media center at the ORR Junior High School.

School Committee Questions New Tests

Mattapoisett School Committee

By Andrea Ray

Superintendent of Schools Douglas White announced at the December 14 meeting of the Mattapoisett School Committee that in the future, all state schools will move towards implementing a test that is a hybrid of the more traditional MCAS test and the "next generation" PARCC test.

The merits of the PARCC test, compared to the older MCAS test, were the main topics of conversation during the Mattapoisett School Committee meeting.



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The committee was able to compare results because, while all students from grades three through six take PARCC exams in math and ELA, the fifth grade students at Old Hammondtown and Center School also took the MCAS Science exam.

The Committee opted to begin PARCC testing last year, and 2015 was the first year the test was taken. This was also the first year that standardized testing was done by computer in Mattapoisett.

"The Massachusetts Board of Education has mandated that all standardized testing must be done on a computer by 2019," said White, "and we're already there. The fact that it is computerized is part of why we chose to use PARCC in the first place."

The committee first reviewed the grade five students' MCAS Science scores, in which 73 percent of students scored in the 'Advanced' or 'Proficient' range, which is 20 percent above the state average. Twenty-five percent of students scored 'Needs Improvement' and 2 percent dropped into the 'Failing' category. The percentage of students who scored at 'Advanced' or 'Proficient' levels has remained roughly the same between 2012 and 2015.

"It's a good achievement," observed Mattapoisett School Committee Vice Chairman Patrick LeClair, "but I've noticed there's a small subgroup of students stuck in the 'Needs Improvement' and 'Failing' categories. Our goal is to focus on moving students from 'Needs Improvement' to 'Proficient,' and from 'Proficient' to 'Advanced' and so on."

"There's a significant drop-off at 'Advanced,'" agreed Chairman James Higgins. "Are we really doing enough to push advanced students or to give other students the opportunities to reach an advanced level?"

Center School Assistant Principal Kevin Tavares noted that there was already an action plan to address this concern.

"We've been focusing more on math and reading," Tavares said. "We need to shift more focus to science. Recently, we haven't been able to clarify exactly what needs to be taught at each grade level, but that should change next year."

The committee then switched to reviewing PARCC scores. The students did well on PARCC testing, with all

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four grade levels scoring an average score well above the state average. PARCC is scored somewhat similarly to an SAT test: a score of 650-700 indicates 'Not Yet Meeting Expectations,' while 701-725 indicates 'Partially Meeting Expectations.' A score of 725-750 indicates 'Approaching Expectations,' while scoring 750-803 indicates 'Meets Expectations.' The highest-ranking students will score between 804-850, which correlates to 'Exceeds Expectations.'

Each of the four grade levels earned an average score of 751+ in ELA to land them all in the 'Meets Expectations' category. The schools received an identical result on the math section of the exam, where each of the four grades again scored an average score of at least 750. Higgins was pleased with the result.

"Our students adapted to a new test and a new testing style [testing online, rather than with a pencil and paper] well," Higgins said.

PARCC does not come without its downfalls, however. ORR District Assistant Superintendent Elise Frangos observed that the students generally do not score as well on the PARCC testing system as they do on the MCAS test.

"PARCC values whether students meet expectations of that grade level," she said. "The past study skills we used don't apply here."

"Did we move because the PARCC test is computerized? Was there any proof that one test was better than the other?" asked LeClair.

"When we used MCAS, it was created by educators. Items from the year's test were released, and teachers could look at their students' scores to see where they were lacking," said Frangos. "PARCC is a better, more rigorous test, but it is written by Pearson. Pearson is an educational company, but they own the test, and they aren't releasing any items. What we really need is a test like PARCC, but owned by us."

That idea has apparently crossed the minds of the Massachusetts Board of Education as well.

"I know that the Board of Education has been weighing whether to keep going with PARCC or to move back to the MCAS test," said White. "They've voted instead to go forward with a computerized test which will be a blend of MCAS and PARCC. It will be controlled by

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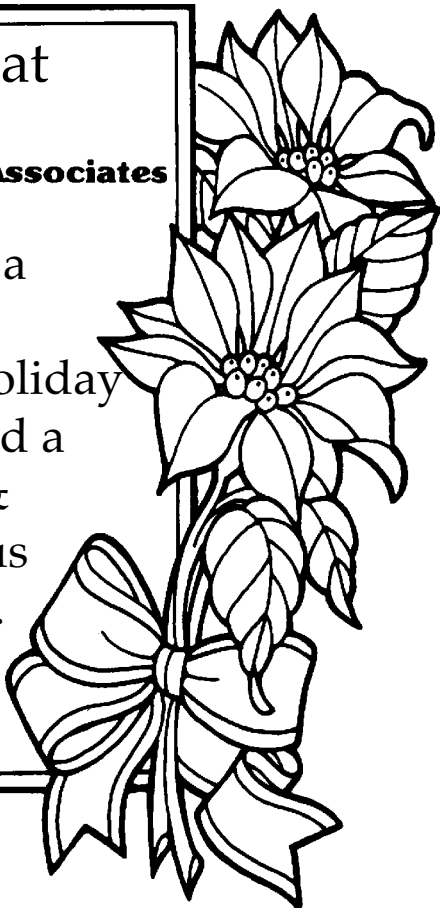
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the state and written with the input of educators. They're calling it 'MCAS 2.0.'"

The new test won't be implemented immediately. White indicated that the Board of Education hoped that it would be written and ready to go for grades three through eight in 2017. The 2016 test will be the same PARCC test taken this year, but will be taken during one testing window, likely from late April into May. Students at the high school, meanwhile, will do two more years of MCAS testing, while a PARCC-style assessment is being built, for anticipated release in 2018.

In the meantime, Mattapoisett schools will begin to focus more on continual improvements to its science program.

"We're doing inventory on science materials," said Higgins, "and developing partnerships with places like the Mattapoisett Land Trust and the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission. This will open up more science opportunities for students."

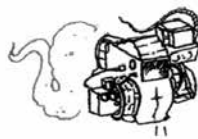
Although the majority of the meeting focused on the issue of standardized testing, several other issues were touched upon.

White indicated that the ORR school district was having a difficult time finding substitute teachers to replace teachers taken ill.

"Our concern is finding qualified, excellent substitutes," he said. "Our current rate of pay for substitutes was set in 2001 or 2002. I've looked at other districts, and we are on the low end of the scale." He

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"I'd like to propose an increase in pay for the remainder of the year, with a further increase to begin in September 2016," he said. The current rate of pay for certified substitute teacher is \$70 per day. The first pay increase, applicable for the rest of the current school year, will push the rate of pay from \$70 to \$75. The salary rate will increase again in September 2016, ending at \$85 per day for a certified substitute teacher.

The committee unanimously approved the proposal, but White will need to bring it before the other district school committees for approval before it can be advertised and put into effect.

The next meeting of the Mattapoissett School Committee is scheduled for **January 11** at 7:00 pm at Center School.

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ORR Update

By Sienna Wurl

On Wednesday evening, not an empty classroom could be found at Old Rochester Regional. The debate team was holding the first debate of the year, with nine schools from the local area attending to compete. When all the debaters and the judges were added up, there were over 400 people at the school participating in the event.

From the name, it's easily assumed that the debate team meets up with another school and then proceeds to yell at each other about completely non-relevant issues.

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"The affirmatives create a plan based on the resolve of the year, and the negatives have to argue against the plan no matter what it is," said Colleen Garcia, who has been a negative for the past two years and is testing out the affirmative side of the team this year. "This year's resolve is 'Should the United States Federal Government Substantially Curtail its Domestic Surveillance?'"

This plan Garcia mentioned can be on anything that falls under the resolve, which allows students to focus on hot-topic issues like drone and Muslim surveillance in America.

In order to ensure these plans are relevant and pertain to modern issues, they must follow the guidelines set by 'stock issues,' which are: "Solvency – how does it solve the problem?

Inherency – why is it not already in effect? Need for change – why do we need it in the first place? Topicality – does it relate to the resolve?" explained Garcia.

"Especially because we're debating domestic surveillance, the topics that we're debating are actual things that happen in the world. So while your debates don't really have a direct effect on current events, they help you see new ways to counter modern issues that really do exist," said James Goulart, a three-year affirmative for the team.

But what's the difference between the negative and affirmative teams?

"The affirmative team, throughout the season, has one plan, and they just have to perfect that plan over the season," said Goulart. "But the negatives go into the debate without knowing what they're going to go up against, so they need to know every single plan."

Yes, that's right, the negatives need to know a little bit about every possible plan in order to debate whatever surprise the opposing school's affirmatives have up their sleeves.

Practicing debating may seem difficult for the team, but they do a scrimmage of sorts – to put it into sports terms – to perfect their techniques.

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we've been working on our plans and writing them," said Goulart. "As the year goes on, Mr. Everett [the teacher in charge of the group] comes up with mock questions and sometimes we'll practice debating that way."

So, we've covered the basics on how the team runs, but how is the winner of the debate determined?

There are two separate scoring systems. One is for who wins and loses the debate, and that's comprised of four stock issues and disadvantages of the plan. The affirmative team needs to win every single issue, and the negative team only needs to win one. And if they do that, then they win.

Although that might not seem like a fair scoring system, the work of the negative team is quite a bit more intense, as they need to know a little bit about any possible issue, so it evens out.

Old Rochester itself did well in the debate, but it's not possible to name the winners by school, as each individual team of two gets its own individual score. That means we'll just have to wait and see which debaters end up on top.

Student Diversity Leadership Conference

Tabor Academy News

By Madeleine Gregory

On Wednesday, December 9, six Tabor Academy students and six faculty members went to Tampa, Florida to attend the Student Diversity Leadership Conference. The conference, which spanned Thursday to Saturday,

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divided the students in attendance into family groups (groups of 60) and within those groups there were home groups (groups of 10).

Within these groups, students participated in activities and attended lectures about various aspects of diversity, including gender, race, and sexuality. During the conference, students were also broken into Affinity groups based on race and regional groups based on location. In these regional groups, students discussed how best to make an impact at their own school.

Anika Walker-Johnson, the director of Multicultural Affairs at Tabor Academy, organized Tabor's involvement in the conference and attended with other faculty as well as students.

Allana Gilgeous ('16), Lulu Ward ('16), Duhita Das ('17), Trinity Monteiro ('17), Nicole Fernandes ('17), and Anaelle Ndoeye ('17) all attended SDLC this year. Of these six, Gilgeous, Monteiro, and Ndoeye attended last year as well.

"SDLC definitely opened my eyes to how diverse this country is," said Das. "Whether it is gender, sexuality, socioeconomic class, religion, ability, or race, there are so many different types of people I have yet to learn about."

When the students broke out into regional groups, Tabor students joined up with students from St. George's, another local school, to discuss how to improve diversity within the schools.

"I realized that I am so lucky to be in a place like Tabor, but there are also so many ways Tabor could be a more inclusive community, and I really hope I can help initiate that," said Das.

Monteiro also attended the conference, and recently has done much within Tabor to highlight feminism as a core issue. She has started a local chapter of "I Am That Girl," a feminist program that serves to empower and support girls across campus.

"The first year of SDLC gave me the courage to go after what I love and that is where all this 'I Am That Girl' stuff I am doing comes from," said Monteiro. "So this year, I wanted to expand on all of that. SDLC always makes me feel more empowered than ever."

Much of the conference focuses on productive conversation and addressing important social issues. Monteiro noted that, "The conference gives me the

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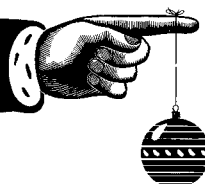
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motivation, support, and courage to help change and make things better here on campus so I can find all those great things I do at SDLC here at Tabor."

This annual conference helps highlight Tabor's recent increased emphasis on diversity and inclusion. Identifying and celebrating the many types of diversity is one of Tabor's main goals, and having so many students and faculty dedicated to this cause helps establish a base effort to bring the whole community together.

Winter Kicks Off With Girls' Swimming Victory

ORR Sports Update

By Patrick Briand

Some teams kicked off their Winter Seasons this week, while Boys' Basketball and the track teams continued to practice in preparation of their first competitions. The highlight of the week was a season-opener victory for Girls' Swimming over Pembroke, 98-66. Senior **Molly Richards** and sophomore **Erin Burke** turned in great performances, winning two events each, to start the season off right for the Lady Bulldogs.

Girls' Basketball: The girls began the week with an unofficial scrimmage against Mansfield High on Monday, but their first real contest was against Durfee on Friday night. Starting their season on the road, the Lady Bulldogs got off to a rough start, winding up down 25-5 after the first quarter. They played better as the game wore on, but the outcome was a tough 54-22 loss. The girls are away at Seekonk on Tuesday and home against Fairhaven on Friday night.

Boys' Basketball: The boys didn't play any official games this week, but they fared well in scrimmages against New Bedford High (Tuesday) and Somerset-Berkeley (Thursday). Senior captain **Evan Santos** is very optimistic about this season and believes this year's team stacks up well with last year's version. He noted that juniors **Russell Noonan**, **Jacob Cafarella**, and **Grant Reuter** (a newcomer to the program), as well as senior **Jared Nye**, are key players to watch. The boys kick off their much-anticipated season on Tuesday against Seekonk at home, and they travel down Route 6 to face Fairhaven on Friday night.

Girls' Swimming: The Girls' swim season began at Kingsbury Club in Kingston on Friday night in a meet

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against Pembroke. Sophomore **Erin Burke** and senior **Molly Richards** powered the team to a 98-66 victory, highlighted by Burke's wins in the 50 free (29:99) and the 100 butterfly (1:19.1). She also swam on winning teams in the 200 medley (2:14.5) and 200 free (2:01.6), joined by Richards, sophomore **Megan Field**, and freshman **Claire Noble-Shriver** in those events. Richards had big wins in the 200 free (2:30.7) and 500 free (6:49.3), which sealed the deal for the Bulldogs. Both Field (1:13.5 100 backstroke) and Noble-Shriver (1:23.7 100 breaststroke) added solo wins for the Lady Bulldogs. The girls are up against Seekonk this Tuesday.

Boys' Swimming: The Bulldogs began their season on Friday night against Pembroke at the Kingsbury Club

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Suzanne C. (Libby) Sylvester, 66, of Mattapoisett died December 9, 2015 peacefully at home surrounded by her family.

She was the wife of Edward J. Sylvester, Jr.

Born in Brockton, the daughter of the late Gordon D. and Shirley E. (Cavanaugh) Libby, she was raised in Bridgewater before moving to Mattapoisett in 1979.

Mrs. Sylvester was a communicant of St. Anthony's Church in Mattapoisett.

She was formerly employed as an art teacher at St. Joseph's School in Fairhaven and later was a teacher at Center School in Mattapoisett for 26 years until her retirement.

Mrs. Sylvester enjoyed gardening and art and was a member of the Mattapoisett Garden Club and Mattapoisett Women's Club.

Survivors include her husband; 3 sons, Edward J. Sylvester, III and his wife Charlene of Kiln, MS, Brett Sylvester and his fiancée Julie Cuff of Quincy and Jeffrey Sylvester and his wife Khara of Rochester; her grandson, Jeffrey D. Sylvester, Jr.; 2 brothers, Jonathan Libby and Graham Libby; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Her visiting hours were held on Sunday in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home For Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6) Mattapoisett. Her Funeral Mass at St. Anthony's Church and burial was private. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168 Boston, MA 02284-9168. For guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Clifford C. Dartt, 95, died peacefully on December 3, 2015 at Charlton Memorial Hospital in Fall River, MA. Clifford was a decorated Veteran and an Eagle Scout. He worked for the phone company helping to set up the Early Distance warning line in Alaska and later in Iran and Saudi Arabia. Clifford was a very special character.

Always ready with a friendly "Howdy", a wry sense of humor, and good natured banter. Even in his later years, he was never at a loss for words.

Clifford was born on November 6, 1920 in Derby, CT to Clifford F. Dartt and Rebecca (Parker) Dartt and raised in Oneonta, NY. Clifford was the middle son of three. His brothers Charles and Edward both died prior to Clifford.

In 1937, Eleanor Roosevelt awarded Clifford his Eagle Scout ranking in Washington, DC. After graduating from Oneonta High School, Clifford attended the University of

Iowa. He did not complete his studies until after the Second World War, however, when he joined the U.S. Army Air Corps.

During World War II, Clifford served as a B-17 Co-Pilot with 384th Bombardment Group/544th, flying out of Grafton Underwood, England. He was shot down over Belfonds, France on July 4, 1943, on his third mission. He was returning from bombing a Nazi engine factory in Lemans, France. He was taken prisoner by the Nazis and was a POW in Stalag Luft 3 and later Stalag Luft 7a prison camps until April 1945 when his camp was liberated by General Patton's forces. The Stalag Luft 3 Camp was the site of the events inspiring the film, "The Great Escape." Clifford assisted in the construction of one of the famous tunnels by helping dispense with dirt in the prison yard.

The good citizens of Belfonds, France have erected a monument to the crew of Clifford's B-17 and hold an annual commemoration ceremony to honor and never forget the American airmen. On July 22, 2015 two Belfonds citizens, Sally and Dany Sorel, traveled from France to meet Clifford at his Autumn Glen residence. This was a stirring and emotional reconnection between Clifford and the village of Belfonds 72 years after Clifford's B-17 crashed there.

In 1946, after the end of the war, Clifford married Lillian Bacheller. They had three children: Darlene, Joanne and Steve.

Clifford worked for Bell Telephone and Western Electric Company for almost 40 years. He was stationed in, among other locations, Utica, NY, Charlotte, NC, Alaska, Iran, and Saudi Arabia.

After the war, Clifford continued his military aviation career by flying helicopters in the New York National Guard. In total, Clifford served our country for 38 years. For 67 years Clifford was a member of the Oneonta, NY Masonic Lodge No. 466, A.F. & A.M.

Clifford retired from his distinguished military and civilian working careers and moved to Salida, Colorado just East of Monarch Pass where he lived for about 20 years enjoying time and attending the Salida United Methodist Church with his close companion Nancy Zielinski. He enjoyed square and round dancing with the Monarch Mavericks, golfing, exploring the high peaks around Salida and doing projects around his house well into his late 80s. He loved taking long driving trips, never in a hurry, mostly in the Western states but in the East too, for many reasons including visiting family, attending dancing events and the annual Super Bowl party at his Parker cousins in Olympia, WA.

Clifford left Colorado in 2010 to live at Autumn Glen assisted living in Dartmouth, MA to be closer to his children. Throughout his life, Clifford made his best effort to attend Sunday church services. While living in Dartmouth, he regularly attended St. Paul's United Methodist Church in New

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in Kingston. There are only six boys on the team, so it's a bit of an uphill battle for the program. However, they put up a good fight against Pembroke, despite dropping their first meet of the season 72-51. Sophomore **Riley Nordahl** was the top competitor for the Bulldogs, winning the 200 free (2:38.5), the 500 free (7:08.2), and contributing to wins on the 200 medley relay (2:09.1) and 200 free relay (1:53.6). Senior **Nate Wentworth**, junior **Adam Perkins**, and freshman **Tyler Kulak** also contributed on the relay victories, and Kulak won the 100 backstroke with a time of 1:09.2. The boys next compete against Seekonk on Tuesday.

Girls' Ice Hockey: The first-ever ORR Girls' Ice Hockey game was played on Friday night in Bridgewater

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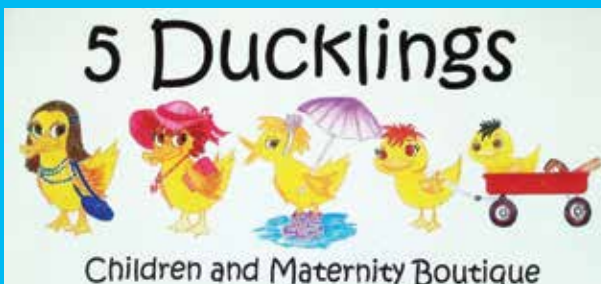
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Clifford is survived by his former wife Lillian of Mattapoisett, MA, his three children Darlene Dartt and her husband Howard Tarko of Newton, MA and their children Rachel Tarko Hudson and her husband Sam Hudson of San Francisco, CA, Laura Tarko of Waltham, MA and Kathryn Tarko of Chicago, IL, Joanne (Dartt) and Mark Olson of Mattapoisett, MA and Steve and Judy Dartt of Peabody, MA and their two children Richard Brunet of San Antonio, TX and Kristen Brunet of Seattle, WA.

Clifford's family wishes to express their sincere gratitude to the respective staffs of Autumn Glen and Charlton Memorial Hospital for their superb care and sensitivity to Clifford during his stays at these facilities.

There will be a memorial service for family and close friends at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 884 Kempton St., New Bedford, MA on Sunday December 20, 2015 at 2 PM. There will be no calling hours. Clifford's remains will be interred with military honors at Arlington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Clifford's name to the 384th Bombardment Group www.384thbombgroup.com, Wounded Warrior Project www.woundedwarriorproject.org, or the USO www.uso.org/donate. Arrangements are by the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Road, Route 6, Mattapoisett. For on-line condolence book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



John J. Diggin Jr., 68, died at home in Rochester on Sunday Dec. 13, after a vicious battle with cancer. John was born in South Boston, the son of the late John J. and Alice (Hartnett) Diggin Sr., and spent most of his childhood in Dorchester. John also lived in Mansfield, Cambridge and Braintree before retiring and splitting his time between Rochester, Rose Point in

West Wareham and Cape Coral, FL.

After high school, John enlisted in the US Army and served as a Military Policeman in Vietnam and in Korea, at one time stationed on the DMZ during the Pueblo Crisis. John attended Boston College nights while working for the Boston School Dept. as a custodian. He graduated from BC in 1975 with a BA in History. He went on to be President of the Boston Schoolhouse Custodians Union and then moved up to Supervisor and was the Day manager for the Boston School's Facilities Dept. He retired in 2002 after 38 years of working for the city of Boston.

He leaves behind his beloved partner and best friend, Connie Eshbach of Rochester. He was the brother of Paul Diggin and his wife Marianne of N. Attleboro, Alice and

her husband Bob Elstermeyer of Braintree, Mathew Diggin and his wife Tyna of Aiken, SC and Sheila and her husband Thomas DePaulo of East Boston. He is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, relatives and friends. He was the brother of the late James and Patrick Diggin.

Visiting hours will be from 10 am – 1pm with his funeral service to begin at 1pm on Thursday December 17, in the Wareham Village Funeral Home 5 Center Street Wareham. Relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers memorial gifts may be made to the Boston Street Railway Assoc. 5706 fund www.thebsra.org/bsra/donate or the Rochester Land Trust www.rochesterlandtrust.org

Margaret "Peggy" Coulson Smith, a long-time resident of Marion, passed away on December 9, 2015 at Sippican Health Care.

Born in Medford, daughter of the late Margaret M. and John Coulson, Jr., she was raised in Winchester and was a graduate of Winchester High School and Westbrook Junior College.

A loving wife, mother, sister, grandmother, and great grandmother, Peggy's family always came first. She cared deeply about her friends and family and always tried to help and support others in any way that she could. Over the course of her career, she worked at Harvard University, at the Beverly Yacht Club, in special education in the Fairhaven Public School system, and in family counseling. In her later years, she volunteered at Sippican Health Care and looked after her friends. An avid and accomplished bridge player, she was a member of the Sippican Tennis Club and played the game she loved multiple times a week. Additionally, Peggy was known for her sharp intellect, curiosity, and ease in communicating with others. A particular interest of hers was politics. She was always up on the news, loved thinking about the world, and was very interested in new ideas.

Predeceased by her husband, John W. Smith, Jr., and sister, Ruth Coulson, she is survived by her son, Brooks C. Smith, daughter-in-law, Deidre P. Smith, sisters, Jane C. Aldrich and Mary Ann C. Phillips, and grandsons, Joshua L. Smith, Andrew G. Smith, his wife, Sarah P. Smith, and great granddaughter, Ava M. Smith.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to a charity of one's choice.

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against Pembroke. ORR's team also includes girls from Fairhaven, Bourne, and Mashpee high schools. The girls lost their first-ever game 7-0, with the biggest bright spot coming from freshman ORR goalie **Sophie Schiappa**, who made 35 saves. This week, the girls face Martha's Vineyard at their de facto home rink, the John Gallo Ice Arena in Bourne, on Wednesday and are away at Marshfield on Saturday.

Boys' Ice Hockey: The boys' first game of the season was a 4-2 loss against Sandwich at the Hyannis Youth Arena. Playing at the Arena again on Saturday, the boys faced off against Dennis-Yarmouth. Against D-Y, the boys tied 1-1 off the strength of a goal from junior **Sam Henrie** and 25 saves from junior goalie **Chase Cunningham**. The boys are at Wareham at the John Gallo Ice Arena in Bourne on Wednesday and return 'home' to the Travis Roy Rink at Tabor Academy on Saturday against Attleboro.

Below are the overall fall team records, followed by the conference records in wins, losses, and ties as of December 13.

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Thursday December 17, 2015

7:00 AM Our Fair Lady Gala Performance
8:00 AM Melissa's Menu - #57
8:30 AM The Folklorist
9:00 AM The Register's Report
9:30 AM Creating Cooperative Kids
10:30 AM NASA 360
11:00 AM Seniorize
11:30 AM Jazzercise
12:00 PM Movie - Colossus and the Amazon Queen
1:30 PM Reeling - The Movie Review Show
2:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
2:30 PM Melissa's Menu - #57
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
4:00 PM Sci-Fi Journal
5:00 PM Physician Focus
5:30 PM Money Talk - Money Management for Couples
6:00 PM Sipican Historical Society Oral History
7:00 PM Reeling - The Movie Review Show
7:30 PM Become Your Own Gym
8:00 PM What's Linda Cooking - Turkey Tetrazzini
8:30 PM Marion Veterans Day
9:30 PM Mattapoisett Veterans Day
10:30 PM Investigators Of The Unknown
11:30 PM The Steve Katsos Show

Friday December 18, 2015

7:00 AM Fast Forward
7:30 AM The Song
8:00 AM Just Coolin'
9:00 AM Senior Scene
9:30 AM Bioneers by the Bay
10:30 AM Melissa's Menu - #57
11:00 AM Seniorize
11:30 AM Jazzercise
12:00 PM Movie - First Spacechop on Venus
1:30 PM Your Money Your Life
2:00 PM ORR Hall of Fame with Buddy Thomas
2:30 PM The Commonwealth Report
3:00 PM Explore - Arctic Special
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
5:00 PM United We Stand - Hearing at the Massachusetts State House
6:30 PM What's Linda Cooking - Chicken Cacciatore
7:00 PM Legal Ease - Financial Planning
7:30 PM 30 Odd Minutes - The Bridgewater Triangle
8:00 PM The Mario and Dennis Show
8:30 PM Marion Veterans Day
9:30 PM Mattapoisett Veterans Day
10:30 PM Graceful Aging - Senior Driving Tech
11:00 PM Investigators Of The Unknown - Season 2
Episode 2

Saturday December 19, 2015

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoons
8:30 AM NASA 360
9:00 AM In Focus-The Hollywood Lens of Murray Garrett
10:30 AM Legal Ease - Financial Planning
11:00 AM The Mario and Dennis Show
11:30 AM What's Linda Cooking - Chicken Cacciatore
12:00 PM Our Fair Lady Gala Performance
1:00 PM ORR Football vs Apponequet Lakers - Thanksgiving Day 2015
3:00 PM Expedition New England - Search of the Coyote Pt. 2
3:30 PM The Rochester Historical Society Presents - The Meaning of Christmas
4:00 PM In The Fight
4:30 PM Navigating the Way for Seniors - SHINE Program
5:00 PM The Rochester Historical Society Presents - Know Greater Love
6:00 PM Upper Caper Tech Presents: Careers - Chocolaters
6:30 PM What's Linda Cooking - Chicken Cacciatore
7:00 PM Tina Cooks - Tomato Sauce
7:30 PM A Culinary Journey
8:00 PM The Song - Joey Freedom
8:30 PM 30 Odd Minutes - The Bridgewater Triangle
9:00 PM Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers - Fast Times at Horror High
11:00 PM Europe In Concert - Snow Patrol

Sunday December 20, 2015

7:00 AM Second Coming Church
8:00 AM Our Fair Lady Gala Performance
8:30 AM Ekanar - Acres of Diamonds
9:30 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
11:00 AM Community Baptist Church
11:31 AM Navigating the Way for Seniors - Nutrition Series: Fats
12:00 PM In Focus-The Hollywood Lens of Murray Garrett
1:30 PM Marion Halloween Parade 2015
1:45 PM Plumb Corner Halloween Party 2015
2:30 PM First Congregational Church of Rochester
4:00 PM The Rochester Historical Society Presents - The Meaning of Christmas
4:30 PM Music and the Spoken Word
5:00 PM Community Baptist Church
5:31 PM ORR Hall of Fame with Buddy Thomas
6:00 PM Sipican Historical Society Oral History - Peter Dean
7:30 PM United We Stand - Hearing at the Massachusetts State House
9:00 PM Our Fair Lady Gala Performance
10:00 PM Ekanar - Acres of Diamonds
10:30 PM Reeling - The Movie Review Show
11:00 PM Words of Peace - The Source of Joy
11:30 PM The Steve Katsos Show - Season 6
Episode 2

Monday December 21, 2015

7:30 AM The Mass Factor - Steven Howitt
8:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
8:30 AM Your Money Your Life - Senior Options
9:00 AM The Commonwealth Report - Kenneth Kimmell
9:30 AM The Dr. Is In - Hepatitis C
10:00 AM Living Healthy With The Women In You - Your Natural Medicine Cabinet
10:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Focus
11:00 AM Seniorize
11:30 AM Jazzercise
12:00 PM Movie - Hercules Against the Moon Men
1:30 PM Sipican Historical Society - Historical What It's with Kirt Mead
2:30 PM Hollywood Make Over - Mixing Professional Sound For Your Film
3:00 PM Explore - Elderly Insight
3:30 PM Earth Focus
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
5:00 PM The Register's Report
5:30 PM Reeling - The Movie Review Show
6:00 PM What's Linda Cooking - Turkey Tetrazzini
6:30 PM Rochester Historical Society - History of the Rochester Fire and Police Dept.
8:00 PM Navigating the Way for Seniors - SHINE Program
8:30 PM Expedition New England - Spring Tide
9:00 PM The National Parks Service Presents: A Land in Motion
9:30 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk - Little League Coach Honored at Williamsport
10:00 PM ORR Hall of Fame with Buddy Thomas
10:30 PM Life Matters
11:00 PM The Mario and Dennis Show
11:30 PM The Steve Katsos Show

Tuesday December 22, 2015

6:50 AM United We Stand - Hearing at the Massachusetts State House
8:00 AM Language of Business - International Commerce
8:30 AM What's Linda Cooking - Chicken Cacciatore
9:00 AM What's Linda Cooking - Chicken Cacciatore
9:30 AM The Register's Report
10:00 AM Fast Forward - Edward M Lerner
10:30 AM Melissa's Menu
11:00 AM Seniorize #14
11:30 AM Jazzercise
12:00 PM Movie - The Road to Bali
1:30 PM In The Fight
2:00 PM ORR Football Highlight Reel 2014
3:00 PM Words of Peace - The Farmer and the Buried Treasure
3:30 PM Sipican Historical Society Oral History - Sue Taft
4:30 PM The Song - Hannah Mohan and Megan Miller
5:00 PM Physician Focus
5:30 PM The Commonwealth Report - Kenneth

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6:00 PM Graceful Aging - Alzheimers Report Card
6:30 PM Senior Scene - SNAP
7:00 PM The Mass Factor - Steven Howitt
7:30 PM Language of Business - International Commerce
8:00 PM Painting Journeys
9:00 PM Upper Caper Tech Presents: Careers - Chocolaters
9:30 PM The Register's Report
10:00 PM United We Stand - Hearing at the Massachusetts State House
11:15 PM The Steve Katsos Show

Wednesday December 23, 2015

7:00 AM Creating Cooperative Kids
8:00 AM Our Fair Lady Gala Performance
9:00 AM Expedition New England
9:30 AM ORR Hall of Fame with Buddy Thomas
10:00 AM Melissa's Menu - #57
10:30 AM Living Healthy With The Women In You
11:00 AM Seniorize
11:30 AM Jazzercise
1:30 PM Navigating the Way for Seniors - SHINE Program
2:00 PM Sci-Fi Journal
3:00 PM Marion Halloween Parade 2015
3:15 PM Plumb Corner Halloween Party 2015
4:00 PM Rochester Historical Society - History of the Rochester Fire and Police Dept.
5:30 PM Hollywood Make Over - Promoting Your Film Through Festivals
6:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
6:30 PM Upper Caper Tech Presents: Careers - Nurse Aide
7:00 PM The Song - Bill Pere
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
8:00 PM The Rochester Historical Society Presents - The Meaning of Christmas
8:30 PM In Focus-The Hollywood Lens of Murray Garrett
10:00 PM In The Fight
10:30 PM Life Matters
11:00 PM 30 Odd Minutes - The Bridgewater Triangle
11:30 PM Reeling - The Movie Review Show

MARION GOVERNMENT

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Daily Schedule

7:30 AM Marion School Committee - December 2, 2015
9:30 AM Marion Conservation Commission - December 9, 2015
11:30 AM Marion Planning Board - December 7, 2015
12:30 PM Marion Town Meeting - October 26, 2015
1:30 PM Marion Board of Selectmen - November 17, 2015
4:00 PM Marion School Committee - December 2, 2015
6:00 PM Marion Board of Selectmen - November 17,

2015

8:00 PM Marion Planning Board - December 7, 2015
9:30 PM Marion Conservation Commission - December 9, 2015

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT

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Daily Schedule

8:00 AM Rochester School Committee - December 3, 2015
10:00 AM Rochester Planning Board - December 8, 2015
1:00 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen - December 7, 2015
3:30 PM Rochester School Committee - December 3, 2015
5:30 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen - December 7, 2015
7:30 PM Rochester Planning Board - December 8, 2015

EDUCATION CHANNEL

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Daily Schedule

8:00 AM ORR District School Committee Meeting - December 9, 2015
9:10 AM ORRHS Career Day Part 1 - Keynote Speaker Joseph Nauman
9:40 AM ORRHS Career Day Part 2- Producer and Songwriter
10:35 AM ORRHS Career Day Part 3 - CSI
11:15 AM ORRHS Career Day Part 4 - Cake Designer and Photographer
12:10 PM ORRHS Career Day Part 5 - Teachers, Army and Navy
1:00 PM ORRHS Career Day Part 6 - Immigration and Zoo Keepers
2:00 PM ORRHS Career Day Part 7 - Pilot and Veterinarian
3:00 PM ORRHS Biology Bake-Off
3:30 PM ORR Football Highlight Reel 2014
4:30 PM ORR Football vs Apponequet Lakers - Thanksgiving Day 2015
6:05 PM ORRHS Financial Aid Night 2015
7:15 PM ORRHS Biology Bake-Off
8:00 PM ORRHS Thanksgiving Dinner for Seniors
8:30 PM ORRHS Financial Aid Night 2015
9:35 PM ORR Joint School Committee Meeting - November 19, 2015
10:25 PM ORR District School Committee Meeting - December 9, 2015

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To the Editor:

The Town of Marion voted at last spring's Town Meeting to join 23 other towns in the Community Electricity Aggregation Program coordinated by Good Energy. As a result, all private Eversource electric customers in Marion have the opportunity to participate in this program offering savings on their electrical bills and protection from volatile energy prices while continuing to receive a single bill from Eversource. All of us who are paying the "Basic Service Fixed" generation charge from Eversource are automatically enrolled in the aggregation program. Those of you who opted sometime in the past to buy Supplier Services from another supplier (such as NRG or Dominion) are not eligible unless you call Con Ed Solutions at 855-788-9885 and tell them you want to be enrolled in the Good Energy program when it starts in January. Look at the very end of the last page of your Eversource bill to see who is your electricity supplier. If it does not say "Basic Service Fixed" and you want to join the aggregation program, you will need to call Con Ed Solutions before January. To enroll, be sure to terminate your present supplier who may charge you a termination penalty.



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MOVIE REVIEW

Murray Christmas Part 4

By Rob Gonsalves
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Broken Flowers (2005). Starring Bill Murray and Jeffrey Wright. Directed by Jim Jarmusch. Running time: 106 minutes. MPAA rating: R.

Does it truly matter who the mother of Bill Murray's son is in *Broken Flowers*? I wonder. It is, as they say, the journey, not the destination. In this deadpan comedy-drama, the second of three films Murray has made (to date) with writer-director Jim Jarmusch, Murray plays Don Johnston, who receives an enigmatic, unsigned letter from an old flame who claims she has had his son. Don, who has just watched his latest relationship with girlfriend Sherry (Julie Delpy) circle the drain, is dyspeptic about this note. His next-door neighbor and friend, the Ethiopian transplant Winston (Jeffrey Wright), is a crime-novel buff and excitedly latches onto the mystery aspect. Winston decides that Don must go visit four of his exes and find out about his son. He draws up an itinerary for Don, advises him on which clues to watch for (typewriter, pink things), and sends him on his unemerry way.

Most of *Broken Flowers* is a series of duets between Murray and various women; he even has a nice little moment with one of Winston's little daughters. Jarmusch's script is maybe a bit heavy-handed about establishing the man's Don Juan past, right down to his name and the movie he watches on TV, although this might be a wry joke on Jarmusch's part. There are a few more hints and signs in the movie, suggesting that this loner is part of a larger pattern. Again and again, Don finds himself in ghastly mortifying situations, forced into awkward connection and into life. The four estranged women, who all have more nervous energy than Don, represent various social classes as well as various roles of American womanhood -- the widow (Sharon Stone), the professional woman (Frances Conroy), the mystic (Jessica Lange), the outcast (Tilda Swinton).

Don's former relations to any of these women are as mysterious as anything else in the movie; Jarmusch gives us only tiny indications of what they saw in Don, or vice versa. Each of the women seems to have a chaotic inner life agitated by Don's presence. Sharon Stone's widow (her husband was a race-car driver) looks upon



Don with the most kindness, even taking him to bed; but her daughter, fittingly named Lolita, seems to share her mother's erotic restlessness. We can see that, past a certain

point, Don's inability to commit drove him away from the women, or them from him. He may realize he'll be alone forever unless he can find his son, if indeed he actually *has* one out there somewhere.

Murray gives one of his late-period micro-performances, showing us, as usual, that what was behind his early-period jaded-hipster shtick was a melancholy and fearful man -- a child, really. Murray has a gravitas in these roles that's oddly, and often amusingly, disputed by his rather light and unresonant voice. No matter how deep his scars run in his 21st-century funny-sad/sad-funny characters, he still *sounds* like the same guy from *Meatballs*. So he seems to combine the wisdom of an elder -- and he's aged to look like one -- with the insecurity of youth. The result, in movies like this or *Lost in Translation*, is a split Bill Murray, the one in our memories versus the one we see before us, and most of the women in *Broken Flowers* see a split Don. They see an older Don who is still, in the ways that matter, the younger Don who saddened or enraged them.

Jarmusch burrows beneath his surface affectlessness, which he's usually done, really; his movies are more emotional than they appear, but seem almost embarrassed to express emotion in the standard false Hollywood manner. With the great cinematographer Frederick Elmes, Jarmusch makes America beautiful but not sterile. The key to the movie and to Don Johnston might be his only friend Winston, who, in opposition to the grey and pale Don, is black and passionate and fecund (three jobs and five kids). Generally, Jarmusch sets his protagonists in contrast with someone who points towards a more soulful way of being -- think of William Blake and Nobody in *Dead Man*, or the titular hero of *Ghost Dog* and the ice-cream-truck driver. Did Don ever want a family, a wife, a son? We're not sure at the end, nor is he, but as he watches two candidates for the position of son disappear into the horizon, he seems to have grown just to the point where he realizes what's missing.

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Bill Saltonstall

Member of Energy Management Committee

To the Editor:

As a citizen in our special town of Mattapoisett, a/k/a "place of rest," I would like to thank all of the Board Members, Rick LeBlanc, and Santa and his elf, and anyone else that helped to make our Holiday Party held on Thursday, December 10, at the Mattapoisett Knights of Columbus such a wonderful success.

I certainly appreciate attending every year. I think it is especially wonderful for the senior citizens that have no one local to go and sing Christmas carols with, have a wonderful meal, and just plain enjoy themselves.

Being a member of the Mattapoisett Friends of the Elderly, where else can one go for only \$10 a year membership and have such a great meal, lots of fun and socialization? It sure sounds like a great deal to me.

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TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



Above: SouthCoast Children's Chorus who performed with the Sippican Choral Society in their 50th Anniversary Christmas Concert. This took place on Friday Dec 6 at the Wickenden Chapel, Tabor Academy Marion. Photo by Faith Ball

Right: The Women's Center's annual Holiday Gift Wrapping Fundraiser at the Dartmouth Mall has started and continues daily 9am-9pm through December 23, and 9am-1pm on Christmas Eve. Stop by the booth near Old Navy and get your packages wrapped (they do not have to be purchased at the Dartmouth Mall) or volunteer by signing up online at www.thewomenscentersc.com. Volunteers are especially needed from 9am-6pm. Thank you for supporting The Women's Center!



The Marion Natural History Museum after school group enjoyed a close-up look at a model of a harbor seal last Wednesday. The museum borrowed the seal from the Buzzards Bay Coalition for the day, and we had fun exploring what makes a harbor seal such a successful resident of Marion waters, and learning about the hazards they may encounter, as well as why it is important to keep your distance when you see a seal on land. Thanks to the Buzzards Bay Coalition for the loan of the model and the Marine Mammal Rescue Center in Bourne for the printed materials. Next up, the after school program will enjoy a Nature Craft party on December 16 from 3:30 - 4:30pm; cost is \$6.00 for members and \$8.00 for non-members. Light refreshments will be served. To register please go to www.marionmuseum.org, print out the registration form, and submit with payment. Hope to see you there! Photos courtesy Elizabeth Liedhold

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The Machacam Club will hold its monthly meeting on **January 6** at the Legion Hall, 3 Depot Street. Social time is 5:30 pm; dinner is at 6:00 pm.

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On December 2, a small, curious humpback whale surfaced in Marion between Nye's Wharf and Ram Island. Long-time residents of the town couldn't remember a prior whale sighting. The animal looked to be about 20 feet long. Marion resident Michael Moore guessed from its size that the whale was young -- and a sight that young humans would not want to miss. Just before dismissal, students at Sippican School heard the voice of Hannah Moore, their music direction, over the intercom. She announced the arrival of the exceedingly rare visitor. School immediately adjourned to Silvershell Beach.

Students scanned the horizon from shore and, as if to oblige, the little humpback surfaced a few more times and swam in and out of the harbor again. Eventually the curious visitor swam back out to Buzzards Bay and eventually over to Padanaram. Caption and photographs by Barbara Ann Markel



Hundreds turned out for Mattapoisett's annual Christmas in the Park at Shipyard Park on Saturday, December 13. Santa and Mrs. Claus greeted about 200 children, and participants enjoyed complimentary hot cider and cocoa while listening to holiday music by The Showstoppers and the ORRJHS Band. The tree was lit and decorated with handmade ornaments from Center School students. Photos by Colin Veitch



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Our speaker for the evening will be our own Cal Perkins who has agreed to continue his very interesting presentation on South Africa. This subject has proven to be of great interest to the members as Cal has reported the information gathered from his many trips to the region with his family.

Callers and members are asked to bear in mind the importance of call list accuracy. Caller lists should be done and reported no later than 9:00 pm on Monday, January 4 by email to GPFNR@AOL.COM or by phone to Mike at 508-758-9311. Members with requests or changes can contact either no later than 9:00 am on Tuesday, January 5.

Showstoppers to Offer One Last Holiday Concert

The Showstoppers singing troupe is offering one last performance of their 2015 Christmas Concert on Sunday, **December 27** at 1:00 pm at the Music Hall at 164 Front Street in Marion. The show will include traditional and non-traditional selections performed by this talented troupe of local singers and special guests. The show is sure to please audience members of all ages. Admission is free. They only ask that you bring a non-perishable food item to help restock local food pantries after the holidays! For more information, call 508-758-4525 or email info@showstoppers.us.

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

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The Marion Christmas Stroll is one of the quintessential holiday events in Tri-Town, with Santa making his grand entrance via boat and hopping aboard a horse-drawn carriage to ride through Marion village with some lucky kids who hop aboard with him. There were several Christmas celebrity sightings, and lots of music and entertainment into the evening. Photos by Colin Veitch



In front of the Marion Art Center, Tim Wade carved out an ice sculpture of a train on December 13, an unseasonably warm December day. The MAC reported several phone calls concerning the heat and whether the event would be canceled. Wade made his icy creation despite the warmth, as he has done for 10 years. Photos by Jean Perry



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We would like to congratulate senior Alexandria Powers for being selected as November's Elks Student of the Month. Allie is a hard working student who is always polite and kind to others. She has been the driving force behind many of the community service events that the school has done this year, namely the Thanksgiving Day food drive. She created, photocopied and distributed all of the flyers. However, I knew I wanted to nominate her when I saw her walking in early one morning dragging

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TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights Dec 6-Dec 12

- Mill St – Medical emergency
- Front St – Paper service
- Wells Rd – Follow up investigation
- Route 105 – Found property
- County Rd – Abandoned 911
- Front St – MV accident
- Wareham Rd – Suspicious person
- Mill St – Medical emergency
- Wareham Rd – Medical emergency
- Nokomis Rd – Noise complaint
- Mill St – Medical emergency
- Washburn Ln – Follow up
- Mill St – Medical emergency
- Converse Rd – Noise complaint
- Route 105 – Health/welfare
- Point Rd – Follow up investigation
- Hastings Rd – Medical emergency
- Wareham Rd – MV accident
- Hastings Rd – Medical emergency
- Wareham Rd – Medical emergency
- Point Rd – Gunshots reported
- Wareham Rd – Officer wanted
- Oak St – Drug violations/in progress
- Route 105 – MV accident
- Mill St – Medical emergency
- Mill St – Medical emergency
- Briggs Ln – Medical emergency
- Front St – Gunshots reported
- Mill St – MV accident

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Dec 6-Dec 12

- Barlow Ln - Complaint
- Aucoot Rd – Health/welfare
- Knollwood Dr - Vandalism
- County Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- County Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Marion Rd – Drugs/narcotics
- Church St Ext – Health/welfare
- Church St – MV crash
- County Rd – Stolen property
- Hawthorne St – Restraining order
- Marion Rd – Restraining order service
- Acushnet Rd – Medical alarm
- Marion Rd – Serve warrant
- County Rd – Transport prisoner
- County Rd – MV crash
- County Rd – Suspicious persons
- Marion Rd – MV stolen
- Martha's Way – 911 abandoned
- Industrial Dr – Suspicious MV
- Chesapeake Run – Health/welfare
- County Rd – Assist citizen
- Marion Rd – Assist other agency
- Shaw St – 911 abandoned
- Gosnold St – Officer wanted
- Acushnet Rd – Officer wanted
- Acushnet Rd – Assist citizen
- County Rd – 911 call
- Marion Rd – MV lockout
- County Rd – Property returned

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Dec 6-Dec 12

- Cushman Rd – Noise complaint
- Dexter Ln – Semlec activation
- Boxturtle Dr – Suspicious activity
- Snipatuit Rd - Threats
- Pierce St – Officer wanted
- Route 105 – Assist other agency
- North Ave – Ambulance request
- Coombs Rd – Ambulance request
- Pine St – Ambulance request
- North Ave – Officer wanted
- Cross Rd – Paper service
- Snipatuit Rd - Message delivery
- Gerrish Rd – Suspicious activity
- Gerrish Rd – Suspicious person
- County Rd – Ambulance request
- Dexter Ln – Officer wanted
- Briarwood Ln – Ambulance request
- Marion Rd – Ambulance request
- Rounseville Rd – Investigation follow up
- Mendell Rd – Health/welfare
- Marys Pond Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Cushman Rd – Officer wanted
- Dexter Ln – Officer wanted
- Snipatuit Rd – Ambulance request
- Cushman Rd – Officer wanted
- Marys Pond Rd - Vandalism
- Dexter Ln – Officer wanted
- Mendell Rd – Ambulance request
- North Ave – Officer wanted

For a full PDF of the three town's police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.



REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, Dec 21: BBQ pork patty, baked beans, collard greens, honey wheat bread, mixed fruit

Tuesday, Dec 22: Tortellini primavera, beans bonanza, snowflake roll, fresh orange

Wednesday, Dec 23: Chicken La'Orange, Hawaiian rice, peas & carrots, whole wheat bread, tapioca pudding w/shredded coconut, diet: diet pudding

Thursday, Dec 24: Krunch lite fish, hash browns, zucchini & tomato, multigrain roll, strawberry cup

Friday, Dec 25: No meals served

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, Dec 21: Hot dog, French fries, pickle, holiday jello, carrot & celery sticks, fruit, milk

Tuesday, Dec 22: Kale soup served w/mozzarella stick, holiday jello,

carrot & celery sticks, fruit, milk

Wednesday, Dec 23: Stuffed crust pizza, fresh Caesar salad w/dressing, holiday jello, fruit, milk

Thursday, Dec 24: No School

Friday, Dec 25: No School

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, Dec 21: Hot dog, French fries, pickle, holiday jello, carrot & celery sticks, fruit, milk

Tuesday, Dec 22: Kale soup served w/mozzarella stick, holiday jello, carrot & celery sticks, fruit, milk

Wednesday, Dec 23: Stuffed crust pizza, fresh Caesar salad w/dressing, holiday jello, fruit, milk

Thursday, Dec 24: No School

Friday, Dec 25: No School

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, Dec 21: Egg McMuffin, potato rounds, strawberry cup, fruit,

milk

Tuesday, Dec 22: Popcorn chicken, buttered noodles, cucumber slices, fruit, milk

Wednesday, Dec 23: Kale soup served w/mozzarella stick, holiday jello, carrot & celery sticks, fruit, milk

Thursday, Dec 24: No School

Friday, Dec 25: No School

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, Dec 21: Hot dog, French fries, pickle, holiday jello, carrot & celery sticks, fruit, milk

Tuesday, Dec 22: Kale soup served w/mozzarella stick, holiday jello, carrot & celery sticks, fruit, milk

Wednesday, Dec 23: Stuffed crust pizza, fresh Caesar salad w/dressing, holiday jello, fruit, milk

Thursday, Dec 24: No School

Friday, Dec 25: No School

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, Dec 21: Hot dog, French fries, pickle, holiday jello, carrot & celery sticks, fruit, milk

Tuesday, Dec 22: Kale soup served w/mozzarella stick, holiday jello, carrot & celery sticks, fruit, milk

Wednesday, Dec 23: Stuffed crust pizza, fresh Caesar salad w/dressing, holiday jello, fruit, milk

Thursday, Dec 24: No School

Friday, Dec 25: No School

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, Dec 21: Mozzarella sticks, fries & green beans

Tuesday, Dec 22: Chicken broccoli alfredo & garlic bread

Wednesday, Dec 23: No School

Thursday, Dec 24: No School

Friday, Dec 25: No School

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in a ton of boxes that she had taken from her job to make sure the drive was set up and each homeroom had a drop off box. She had been the biggest help for this year's drive by far. All and all, Allie goes above and beyond to help others.

From the Marion Town Clerk

Marion Annual Street Listing 2016 (Census) forms were mailed out this month. Please complete the forms as soon as possible and drop them off at the Town House, 2 Spring Street, or mail them back in the enclosed envelope.

These census forms are very important for the town as State aid is based on the numbers returned. The Annual Street List is compiled from this information. No children

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22 The college
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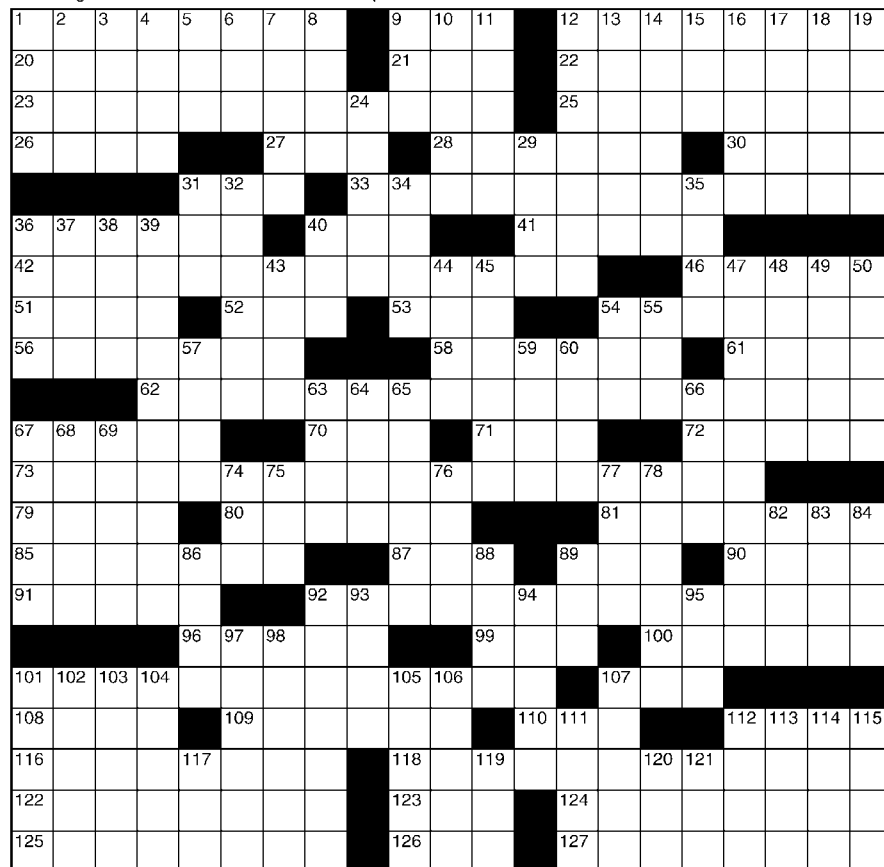
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52 One day —
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53 Biol., e.g.
54 One driving
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56 Touchdown
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58 "Neon" tank
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61 Daddy deer
62 Group
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games?
67 Cartoonist Bill
of "The
Family
Circus"
70 "It's —
-brainer!"
71 Wee one
72 Beijing locale
73 Engine fuel
sold all over
the country?
79 Razor option
80 Lampoon
81 Combo
punches
85 Things that
destroy
87 Cousin of a
401(k)
89 Austrian
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90 Inner
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- 91 Muscle jerk
92 Slammer
used by a
global crime-
fighting
agency?
96 En — (all
together)
99 Tree with
acorns
100 Rate
101 The
Netherlands
before 1939?
107 Stuff in soap
108 "Ooh —!"
109 Name of 11
pharaohs
110 Actress —
Dawn
Chong
112 Generic
dog
116 Radiating
heat or light,
say
118 Entertainer
Rita did a
pressing job?
122 Greatest
123 "... man —
mouse?"
124 Came into,
as debt
125 People going
"Achoo!"
126 — degree
127 Their names
are hidden
in eight
answers in
this puzzle

- DOWN
1 Stardom
2 Most August-
born folks
3 Western U.S.
oil giant
4 — scale of
hardness
5 "It — far, far
better ..."
6 Yuletide
beverage
7 Doughnut
coating
8 Capital near
Lillehammer
9 West of film
10 Cook's tie-on
11 2002 #3 hit
for Cam'ron
12 Actor Rory
13 Liner locales
14 Refrigerator
stick-on
15 Writer
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16 Under
17 — acid
18 Person
quoting
19 Inuit canoe
24 Metallic
veins
29 Bullets,
e.g.
31 Dr.'s gp.
32 Tedious list
34 YSL part
35 Variety
36 A-F link
37 Joie de vivre
38 — a hand

- 39 Iquitos
natives, e.g.
40 Supersecret
org.
43 News note
44 — part (play
on stage)
45 Noonday
nap
47 Principles
of artistic
beauty
48 Cato's
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49 The Evita of
"Evita"
50 Soccer site
54 Cul-de-
55 It follows
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57 Margarine
59 General —
chicken
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63 Ark unit
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72-Across
65 Redact
jointly
66 Oxy target
67 Tree knots
68 Accept
avidly
69 Skylit courts
74 It airs
"Fresh Air"
75 "How — I to
know?"
76 Whirl
77 Hang laxly
78 Like a live
ball

- 82 Stirred to life
83 Obligation
84 Devalitizes
86 Austen title
88 Middle name
of Elvis
89 Just swell
92 Compound
variants
93 Guitarist
Cline
94 Italian father
95 Sugar
ending
97 Make it there
98 Schick tool
101 Members of
the masses
102 Japanese
noodle
soup
103 Beethoven's
"Für —"
104 Offscourings
105 Yellow fruit
106 Of — (in
some way)
107 Helmsley or
Lewis
111 "There's —
in the air"
112 Citadel
113 Concerning
114 Moose,
e.g.
115 10:1, e.g.
117 "— who?"
119 Stadium cry
120 Here,
in Haiti
121 Stocking
flaw



SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) At this time you might want to resist that otherwise admirable Aries penchant for getting to the heart of a matter quickly. Keep in mind that a delicate situation calls for patience.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your aspects favor more diplomacy and fewer direct confrontations when dealing with a relationship problem. Avoiding hurt feelings can help in your search for the truth.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Positive aspects are strong this week. Although you might still have to deal with some problems caused by a recent period of turmoil, you are making progress, and that's what counts.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A family matter could benefit from your counsel. But don't come into it unless invited, and don't stay if you feel uneasy. Just remember to reassure one and all that you'll be there for them.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) As the truth about an ongoing situation emerges, you could find that you were right to defer judgment before you had all the facts. Now would be a good time to move on to other matters.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your plans to take control of a personal situation because you feel you are best qualified could create resentment. Best to hear what everyone else involved in the matter has to say about it.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Uncovering some surprising background facts about that ongoing personal matter could make you reconsider the extent of your involvement. A neutral family member offers advice.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Religious or spiritual themes start to dominate your aspect this week. This can serve as a counterweight to the mounting effects of the season's growing commercialization.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Taking on that recent challenge impressed a lot of important decision-makers. Meanwhile, proceed with your holiday plans, and don't forget to include you-know-who in them.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Disagreeing with an opinion you can't accept could be dicey, and your motives might be questioned. Best to wait to mount a challenge until you have support for your position.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Getting involved in helping others in this increasingly hectic period not only makes the generous Aquarian feel good, but you could also gain a more substantive benefit from your actions.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) The Piscean way of thinking clearly and objectively helps you resolve a complex situation without creating any ill will. Don't be surprised if your counsel is requested on another matter.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of persuading people to look at the positive possibilities that make up any choices they might face.

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Dog licenses for 2016 will be available beginning December 14, 2015. (Nice Stocking stuffer).

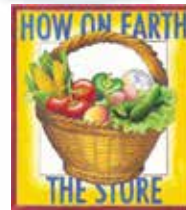
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Marion Holiday Rubbish Collection Schedule

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The collection scheduled for Friday, December 25, will be picked-up on Thursday, December 24.

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Thursday, December 24th, Christmas Eve

4 p.m. Family Crèche Service, showing and telling the Nativity Story, with Christmas music
Children bring figures forward to place them in the Crèche. (No communion at 4 p.m. service.)

9:30 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service with Choir, musical preludes

Friday, December 25th, Christmas Day

9:00 a.m. Christmas morning communion in the Chapel

LEGAL NOTICES	LEGAL NOTICES	LEGAL NOTICES
<p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 21, 2015 at 7:00pm in the Conference Room at the Mattapoisett Town Hall located at 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA, on the application of "Bay Club at Mattapoisett". Applicant is seeking approval from the Planning Board for modifications to two Special Permits that refer to "Trash Pickup Requirements". The first was approved by the Planning Board at their meeting on January 20, 2003 and the second was approved by the Planning Board at their meeting on February 14, 2003. The Bay Club is located at 63 County Road, Mattapoisett, MA. Original, plans for the project are on file at the office of the Town Clerk and office of the Planning Board and may be reviewed by any interested party during normal business hours. 12/3, 21/10, 12/17</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 28, 2015 at 6:30pm in the Town Hall on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by Robert A. Cormier 12 Bayberry Lane Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to repair an existing failed septic. The project is located at 12 Bayberry Lane, and is further identified as Lot 76.0 on Assessor Map 20. 12/17</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT WATER DEPARTMENT PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED WATER WITHDRAWAL</p> <p>Pumping Station No. 2 Acushnet Road Mattapoisett, Massachusetts</p> <p>As required under the Massachusetts Water Management Act (WMA), the Mattapoisett Water Department is providing public notice of its intention to construct three proposed replacement wells at its existing Pumping Station No. 2 on Acushnet Road. The Water Department intends to withdraw up to 400,320 gallons per day from these wells. Interested parties may inspect the WMA Permit Amendment application between the hours of 9 am and 3 pm, Monday through Friday, at the Water Department office at 19 County Road in</p>	<p>Mattapoisett. Written comment on the WMA application may be filed with the Water Department and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, One Winter Street, Boston, MA, 02108 within 30 days of the date of this notice's publication. Mr. William T. Nicholson, Superintendent 12/17</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1084</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing regarding the petition of Cheryl Goguen for property located at 181 Braley Hill Road, Assessor's Map 48, Lot 23, who is seeking a Special Permit under Section VIII.D.6 of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws to allow a kennel license for six or more dogs. The public hearing will be held on Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 7:45 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall at 1 Constitution Way. Richard D. Cutler, Chairman 12/17, 12/24</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE CASE # 716</p> <p>The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 7:35 p.m. on Thursday, January 14, 2016, in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House, on the application of Jeffrey Barrett, for a special permit under sections 6.1.3 and 6.1.5 of the zoning by-law to allow the demolition and reconstruction of an existing non-conforming single family dwelling, which will decrease the current non-conformity but increase the building area and volume, as allowed under section 7 – Uses by Special Permit.</p> <p>The property, located is further identified as 16 River Road, on Assessors' Plan 9 as Lot 35. Eric V. Pierce, Chairman 12/17, 12/24</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE CASE # 715</p> <p>The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 14, 2016, in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House, on the application of 20 OIT Realty Trust, c/o Josephine Gaffey, for a special permit under sections 6.1.3, 6.1.5 and 7.2 of the zoning by-law to allow razing of one dwelling and the construction of a single</p>	<p>family residence (two bedroom) with a height of 28', keeping the existing footprint as it relates to the property lines.</p> <p>The property, located is further identified as 20 Old Indian Trail, on Assessors' Plan 26 as Lot 27. Eric V. Pierce, Chairman 12/17, 12/24</p> <hr/> <p>CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS</p> <hr/> <p>SUPREME CLEANING SERVICE You'll Have the Cleanest House in Town at Rates YOU Can Afford! 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Tundra
by Chad Carpenter



The collection scheduled for Friday, January 1, will be picked-up on Thursday, December 31.

If you have any questions, please contact the Marion DPW office at 508-748-3540 ext. 101.

Mattapoissett Woman's Club

The Mattapoissett Woman's Club wishes one and all Happy Holidays, Season's Greetings and Merry Christmas. For almost 75 years, this organization's members have met to work toward goals of scholarship, education, philanthropy and civic involvement. We've welcomed new members, cherished new and old friendships, and helped realize changes in our community.

We hope you will find time to join us in the new year for one or more of our upcoming programs: in January, Gerry Rooney will discuss his travels across the globe; in February, Liisa Budge-Johnson from the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department will talk about Plymouth County Corrections, Then and Now; and in March, Kathy Parsons, PhD will share interesting details about the Roseate Tern.

We wish you a healthy new year and look forward to seeing you on the third Thursday of the month at noon, Reynard Hall, Mattapoissett Congregational Church. For more information, please call Barb at 508-864-5213.

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If you have any questions, please call Debbi Dyson at 508-758-4717.



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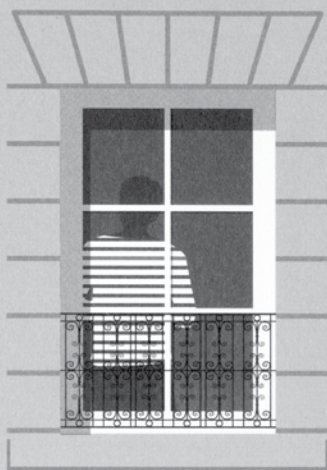
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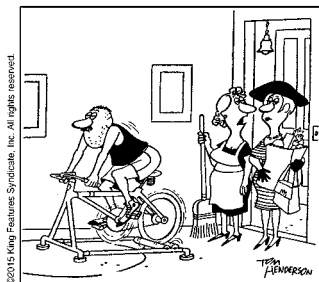
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Athletic Achievements

WPI senior Sean Murphy of Mattapoisett will be heading to Doug Shaw Stadium in Myrtle Beach, SC to play in the 2015 DIII Senior Classic on December 19. The game is slated for a 12:30 pm kickoff.

Murphy totaled 43 tackles – 27 solo – to go along with three for loss, six pass breakups and an interception while amassing 264 yards on 14 kick returns in 2015. He finished his career with 130 tackles – 97 solo – with eight for loss and a sack to go with 14 pass breakups and seven picks, including two for a score. Murphy also returned 45 kickoffs for 963 yards and a score. The corner's pick six in the 2014 season opener at Curry was a GEICO Play of the Year finalist and aired nationally on CBS.

He was recognized in 2013 and 2014 as an All-Liberty League second team performer and was named the department's Poly Club Award recipient, presented to the top male athlete in the junior class, who has outstanding academic records along with campus involvement of a non-athletic nature, as well as the Robert Pritchard Award for



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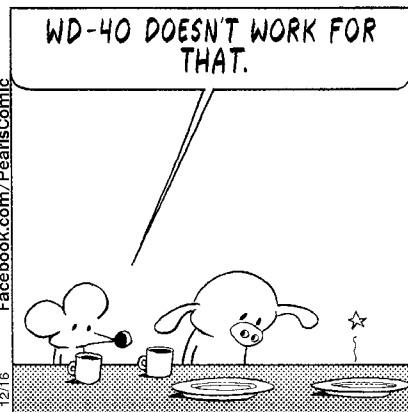
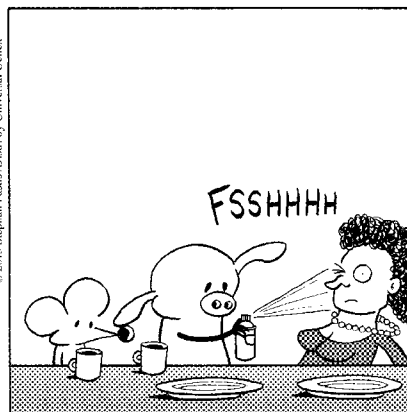
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be separated from you, even in spite of all material
illusions. I wish to be with you in eternal glory,
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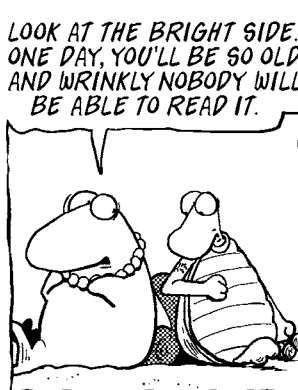
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Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	December 17:	...	12:12	5:00	5:37
Friday	December 18:	12:46	1:10	6:07	6:38
Saturday	December 19:	1:44	2:09	7:36	7:46
Sunday	December 20:	2:45	3:12	9:18	8:52
Monday	December 21:	3:39	4:16	10:26	9:51
Tuesday	December 22:	4:51	5:17	11:21	10:43
Wednesday	December 23:	5:48	6:12	11:59	11:32
Thursday	December 24:	6:40	7:03	...	12:58
Friday	December 25:	7:30	7:52	12:19	1:43
Saturday	December 26:	8:17	8:40	1:06	2:22
Sunday	December 27:	9:04	9:28	1:53	2:56
Monday	December 28:	9:49	10:15	2:38	3:29
Tuesday	December 29:	10:35	11:03	3:21	4:03
Wednesday	December 30:	11:21	11:52	4:05	4:40
Thursday	December 31:	...	12:07	4:52	5:22
Friday	January 1:	12:43	12:56	5:57	6:26
Saturday	January 2:	1:30	1:41	7:05	7:24
Sunday	January 3:	2:18	2:28	8:23	8:23

Phases of the Moon	First Quarter	December 18th
	Full Moon	December 25th
	Last Quarter	January 2nd
	New Moon	January 9th

I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

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In the December 10, 2015 issue the Aardvark was on page 42!

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SCRAMBLERS

solution

- Warble; 2. Glean;
- Model; 4. Method

Today's Word
NOWHERE

Sudoku Answer

1	9	8	3	6	2	7	4	5
7	5	2	1	8	4	6	9	3
6	3	4	7	9	5	2	1	8
5	8	1	2	3	6	4	7	9
4	6	7	9	5	8	1	3	2
3	2	9	4	1	7	5	8	6
8	7	5	6	4	3	9	2	1
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2	1	3	5	7	9	8	6	4

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